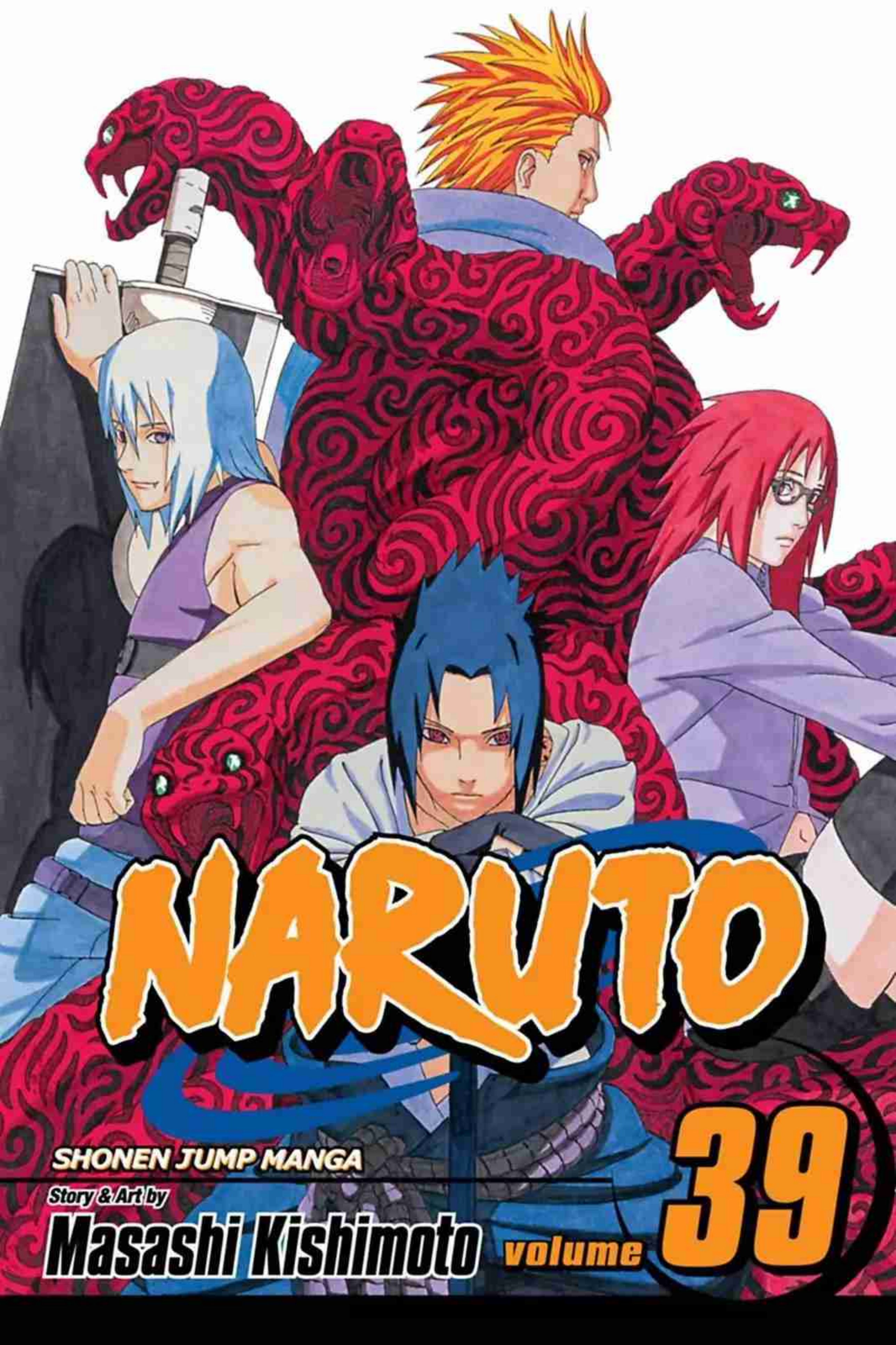
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I have a sensitive stomach. Air conditioning gives me bad runs. Frozen desserts give me bad runs. Milk, even if I drink it really slowly, gives me bad runs. Just thinking about bad runs gives me bad runs.

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2007*

岸本斉史

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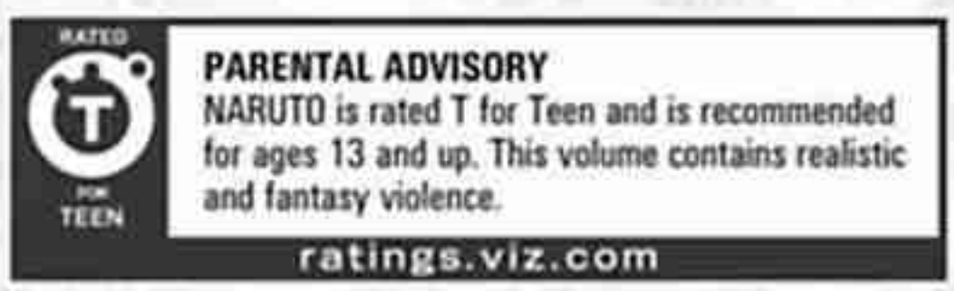

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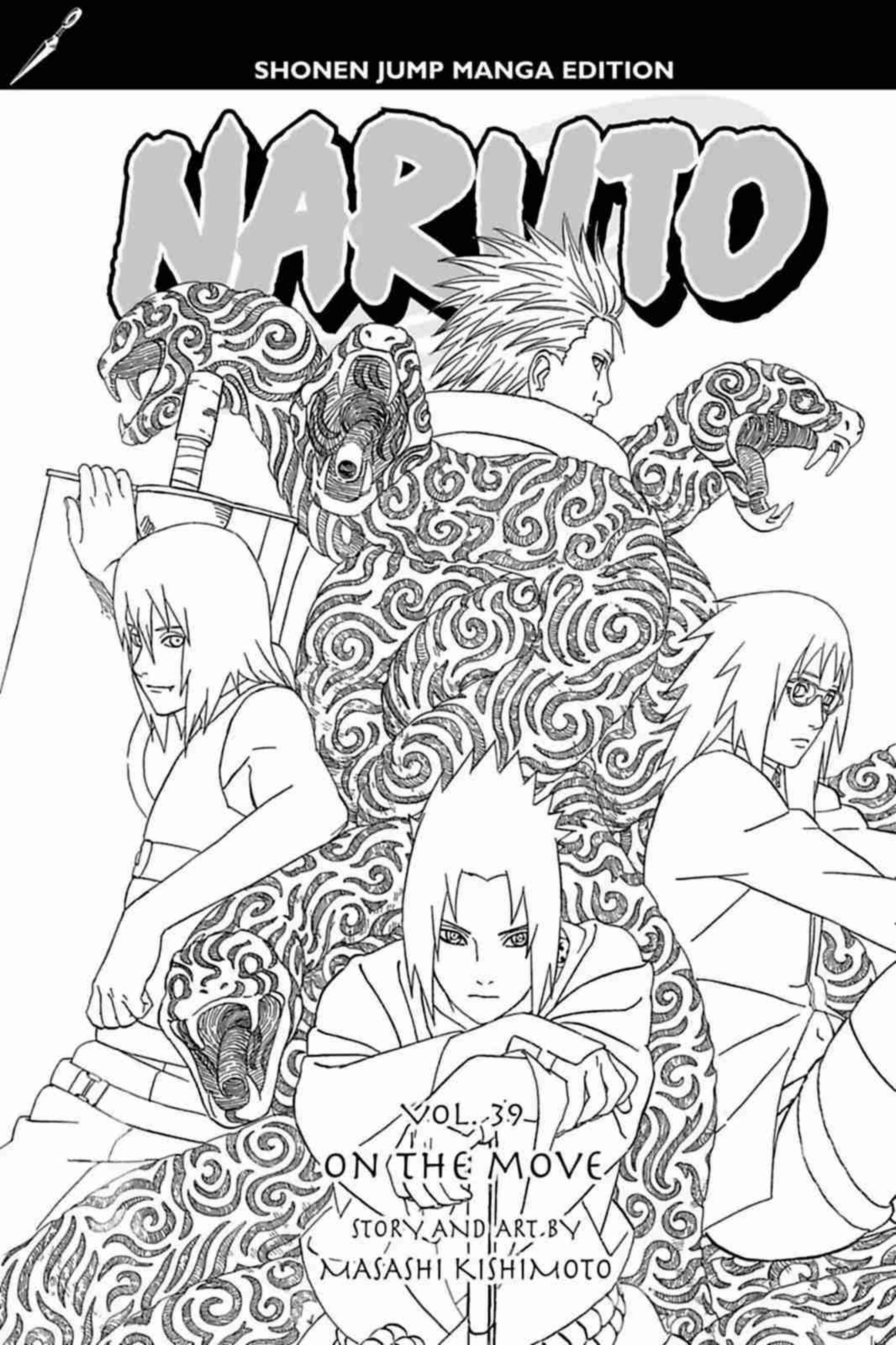

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CHARACTERS

Sakura
サクラ

Naruto
ナルト

The Story So Far...

Once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy, Uzumaki Naruto now serves dutifully among the ranks of the Konoha shinobi—an illustrious group of ninja sworn to protect their village from the forces of evil seeking to destroy it from without and within...

While the threat of the criminal organization known as the Akatsuki looms ever-present, Naruto's former classmates—Shikamaru, Choji and Ino—embark on a mission to find Captain Asuma's killer. And when their quest brings them into conflict with Kakuzu—one of the Akatsuki's deadliest members—it's Naruto who takes the enemy down with a display of power that rivals even the Fourth Hokage himself!

Meanwhile, Uchiha Sasuke continues down the dark path he set out upon when he joined Lord Orochimaru, one of Konoha's greatest foes. Convinced he's learned all he can from his dark master, Sasuke betrays and kills Orochimaru. With one of his goals accomplished, he begins assembling a team of powerful allies in order to achieve his ultimate goal—the destruction of his brother, Uchiha Itachi! Having enlisted the swordsman Suigetsu and the tracker Karin, there remains but one last person for him to recruit...

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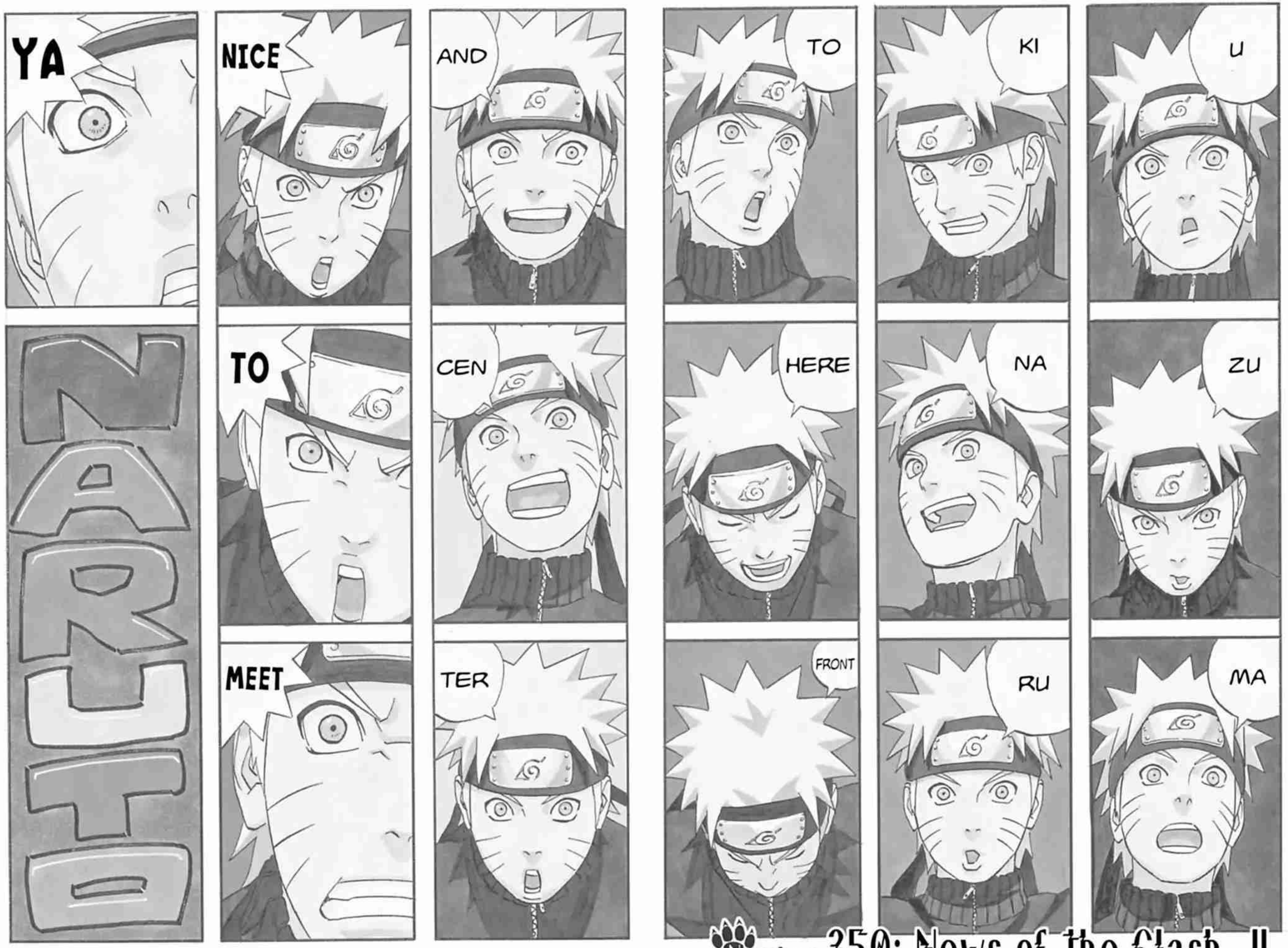


Number 350: News of the Clash...!!

NARUTO

DING-DONG

SAKURA, IT'S OUR DAY OFF.

WHY ARE YOU HERE? AND WHY SO EARLY?

IT'S PAST NOON, FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

SQUINT...

ALLO?

RAMEN ALREADY, NARUTO? YOU JUST WOKE UP!

LADY TSUNADE HAS SUMMONED US!!

FOOL!!

GRRR

IS THIS A DATE??

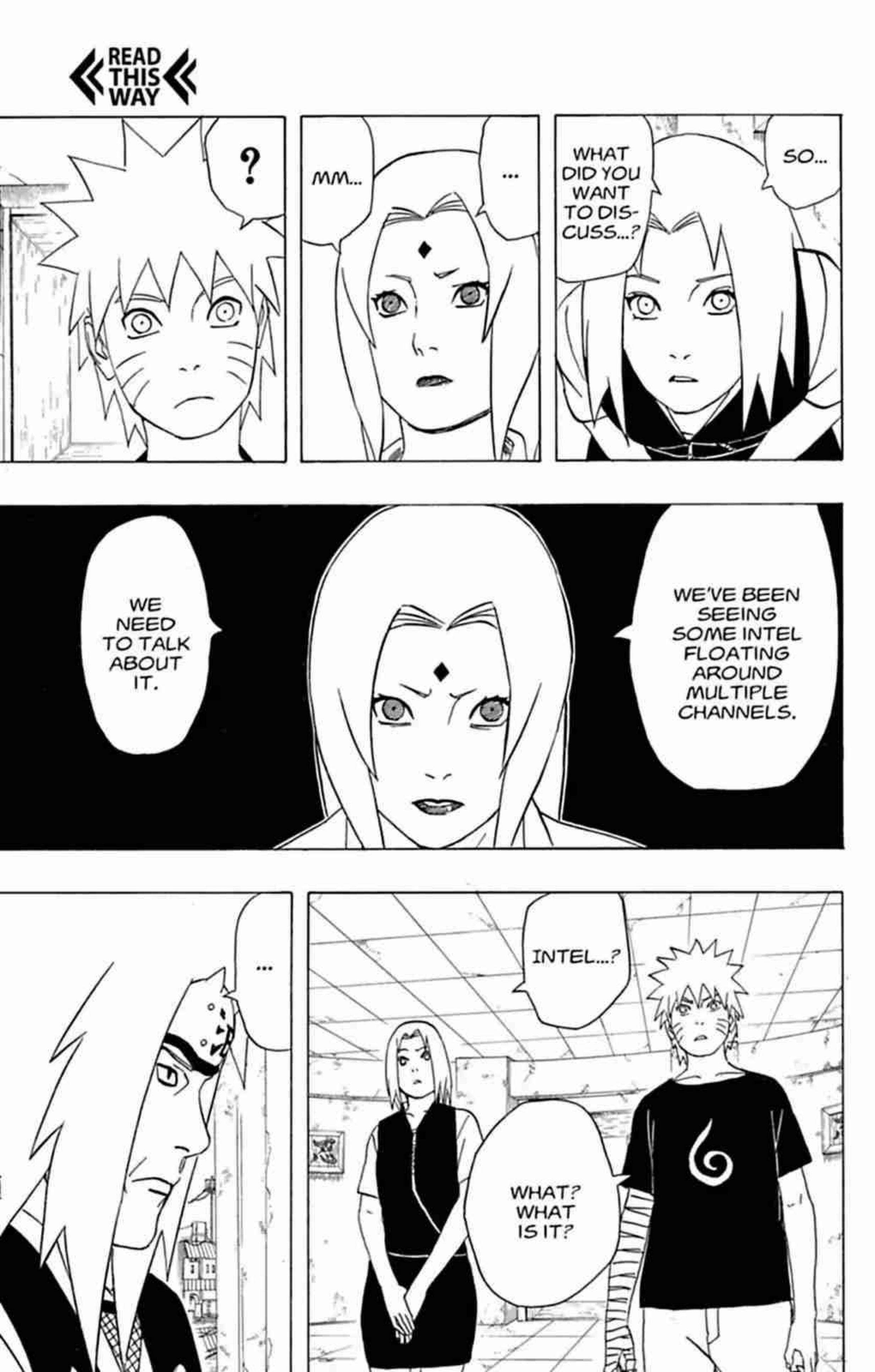
WAIT...

BLINK

BUT NEVER MIND THAT...

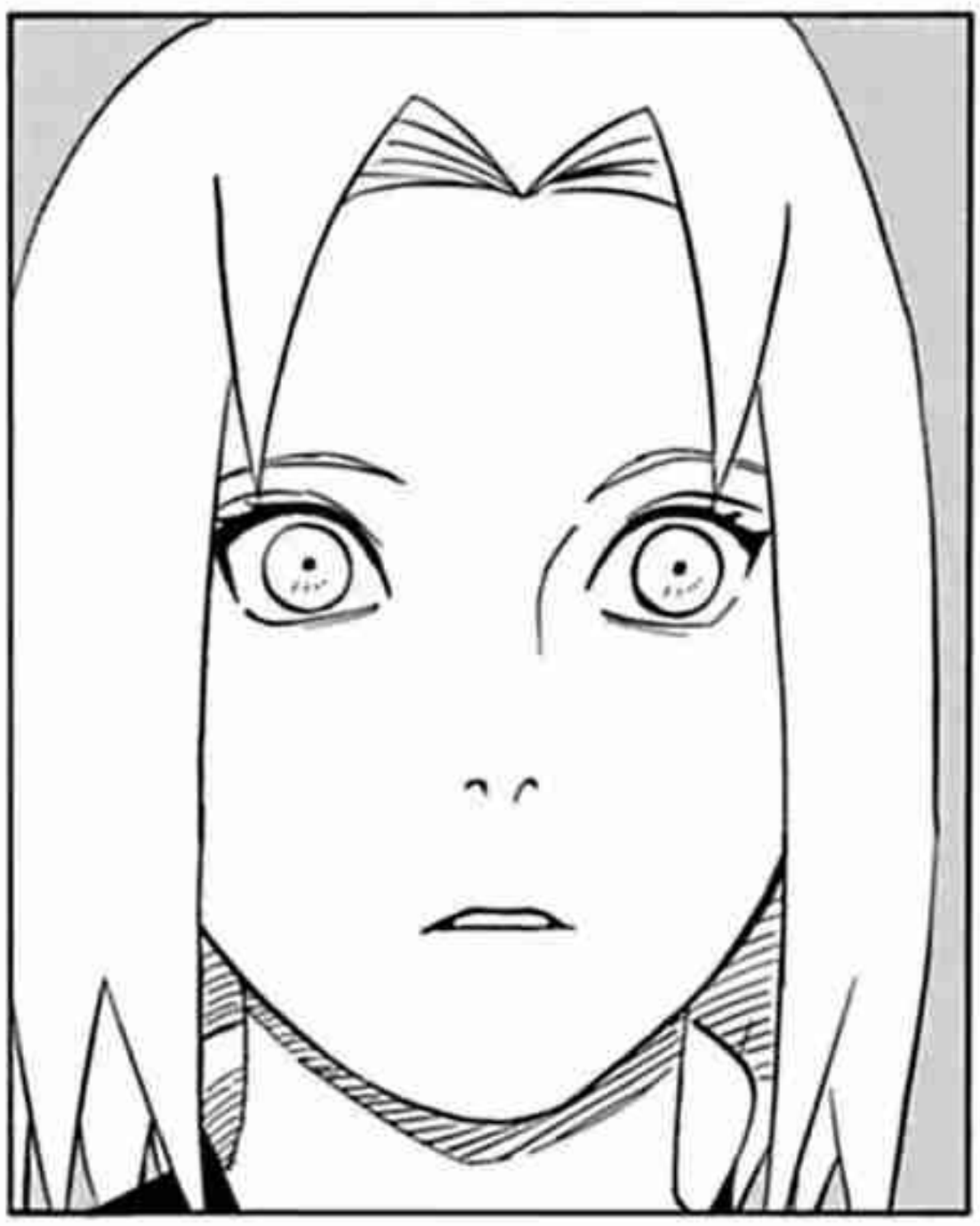
JUST WASH UP AND CHANGE, OK? I'LL WAIT RIGHT HERE.

火
YOU'RE LATE!
NOW NOW, TSUNADE ...
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG!
LONG TIME NO SEE, NARUTO!
油
P-PLEASE FORGIVE US... NARUTO WAS EATING LUNCH FOR BREAKFAST...
HEY! PERVY SAGE!


READ THIS WAY
?
MM...
...
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO DIS-CUSS...?
SO...
WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT IT.
WE'VE BEEN SEEING SOME INTEL FLOATING AROUND MULTIPLE CHANNELS.
...
INTEL...?
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?

AND IT SEEMS UCHIHA SASUKE KILLED HIM.

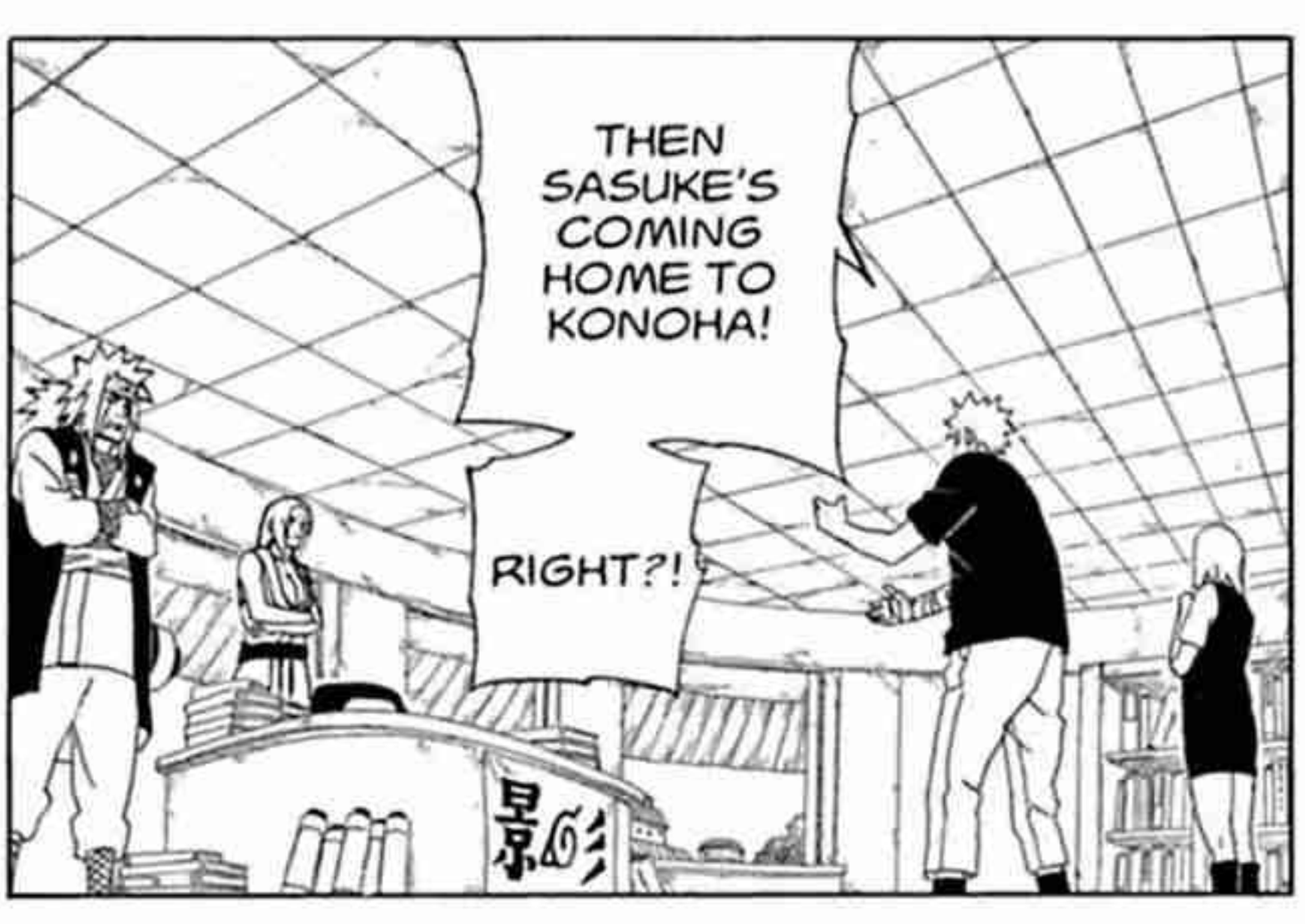
OROCHI-MARU IS DEAD.



I KNEW OROCHI-MARU COULDN'T BREAK HIM!
WOO HOO!

THEN THAT MEANS ...

...


THEN SASUKE'S COMING HOME TO KONOHA!
RIGHT?!

油
UNFORTU-NATELY, IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT...

EVERY-ONE JUST SHUT UP... GIVE ME A SEC!

FWP

KARIN, IS JUGO THERE?

AT THIS RATE, WE CAN'T TELL WHICH ONE IS JUGO ...

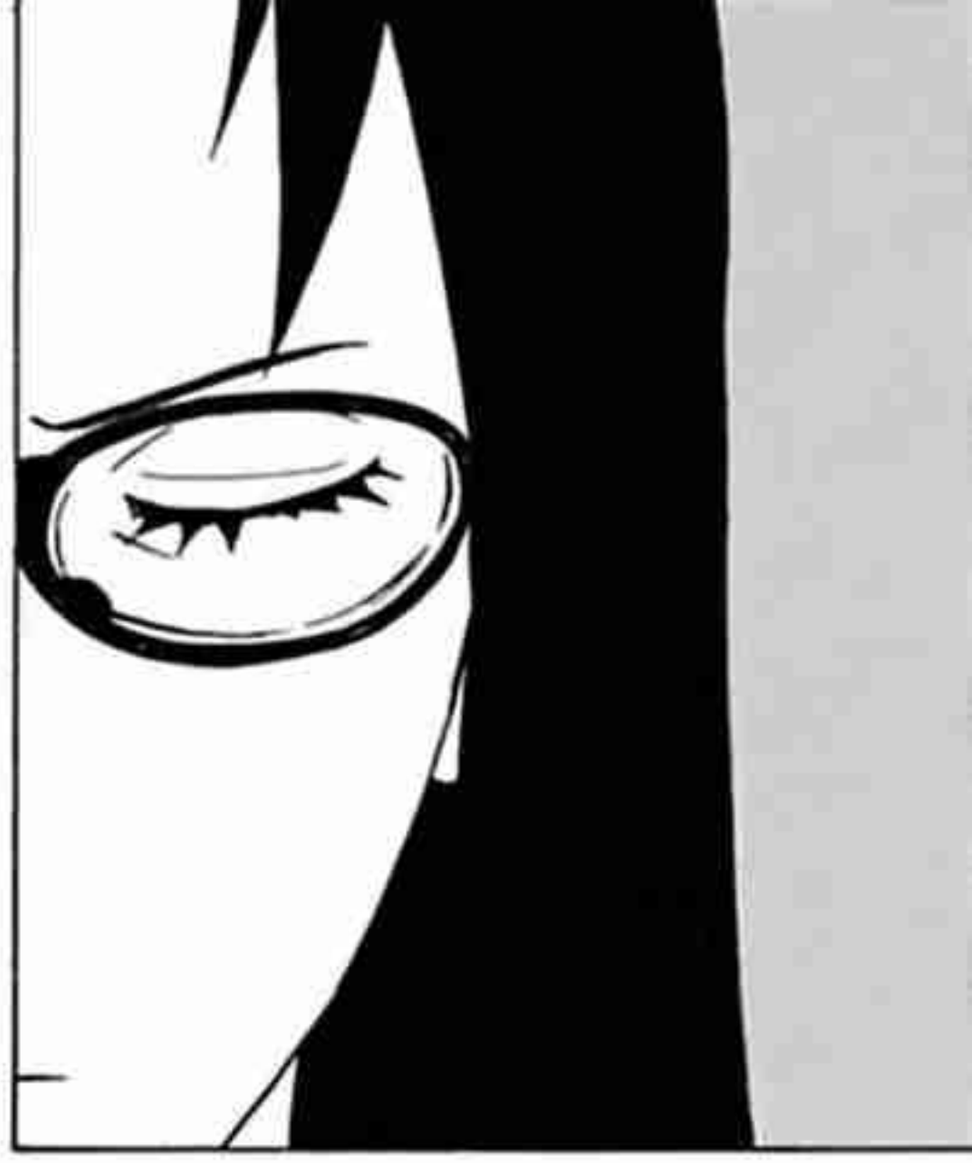
EH, SASUKE ?

ALL THE WARDENS ARE DEAD...

AND THE INMATES HAVE ALL BROKEN OUT.

THEN WE CAN DO AS WE PLEASE, EH?

HUMPH... HE'S NOT AMONG THEM...



YOU SHOULDA KILLED THAT LAST GUY TOO... YOU'RE SOFT.

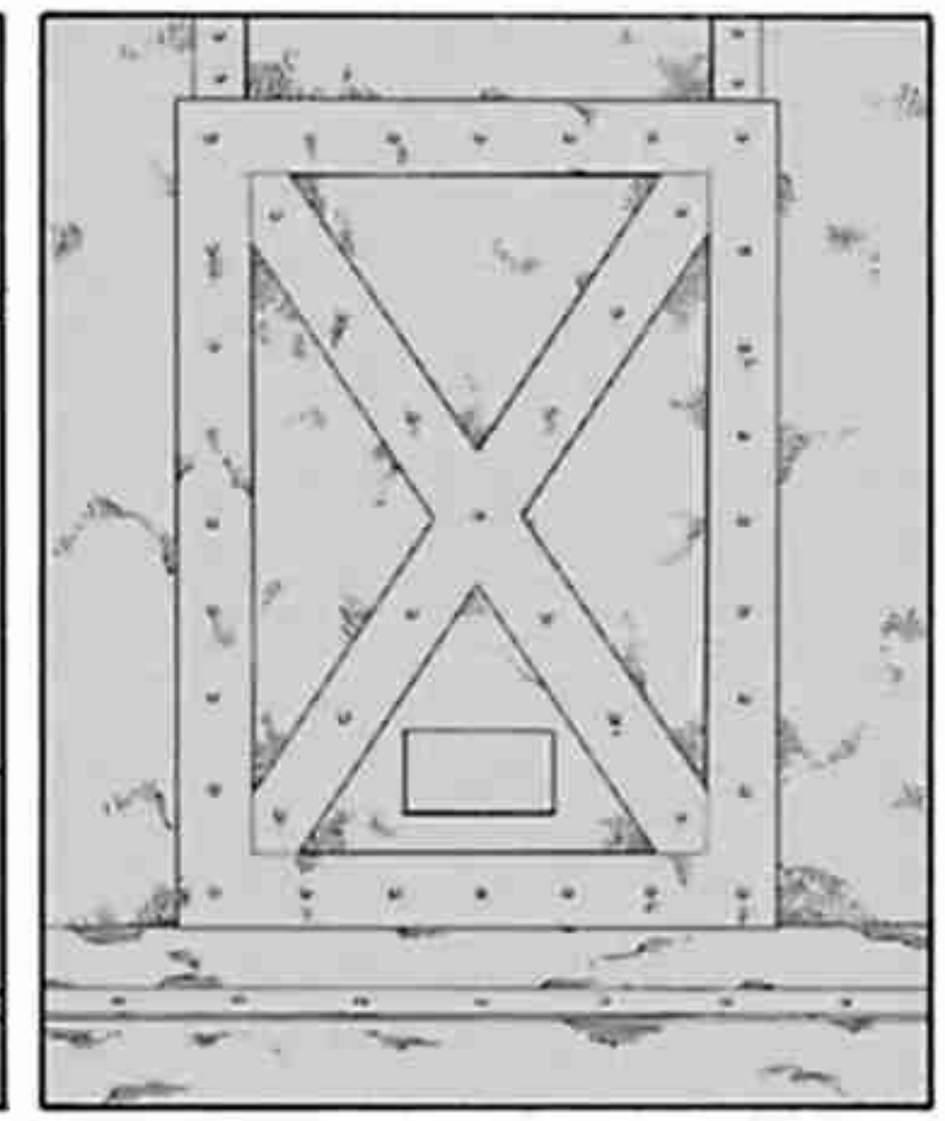
KASHINK

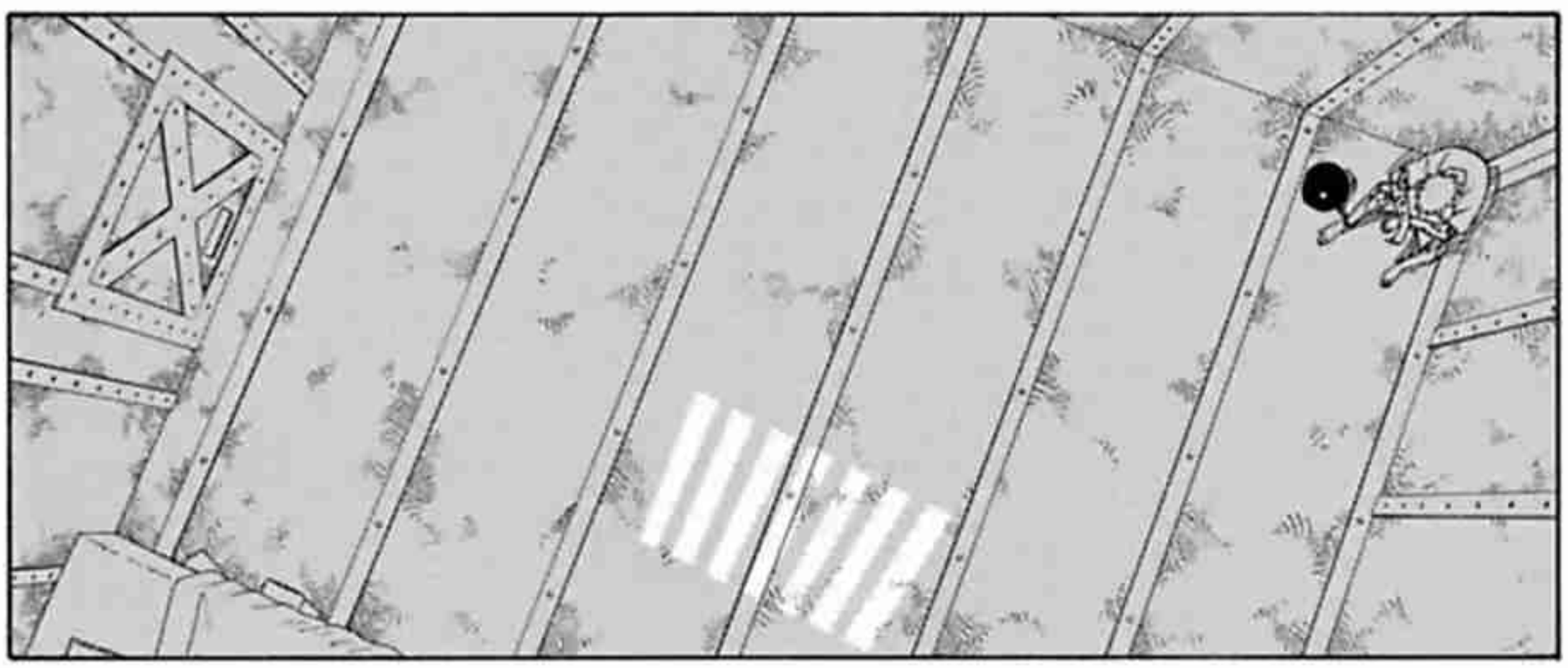
RIGHT...

YOU REALLY ARE OF KONOHA...

READ
THIS
WAY

KILL...
WOMAN ...
IF A WOMAN COMES IN, I'LL KILL HER...



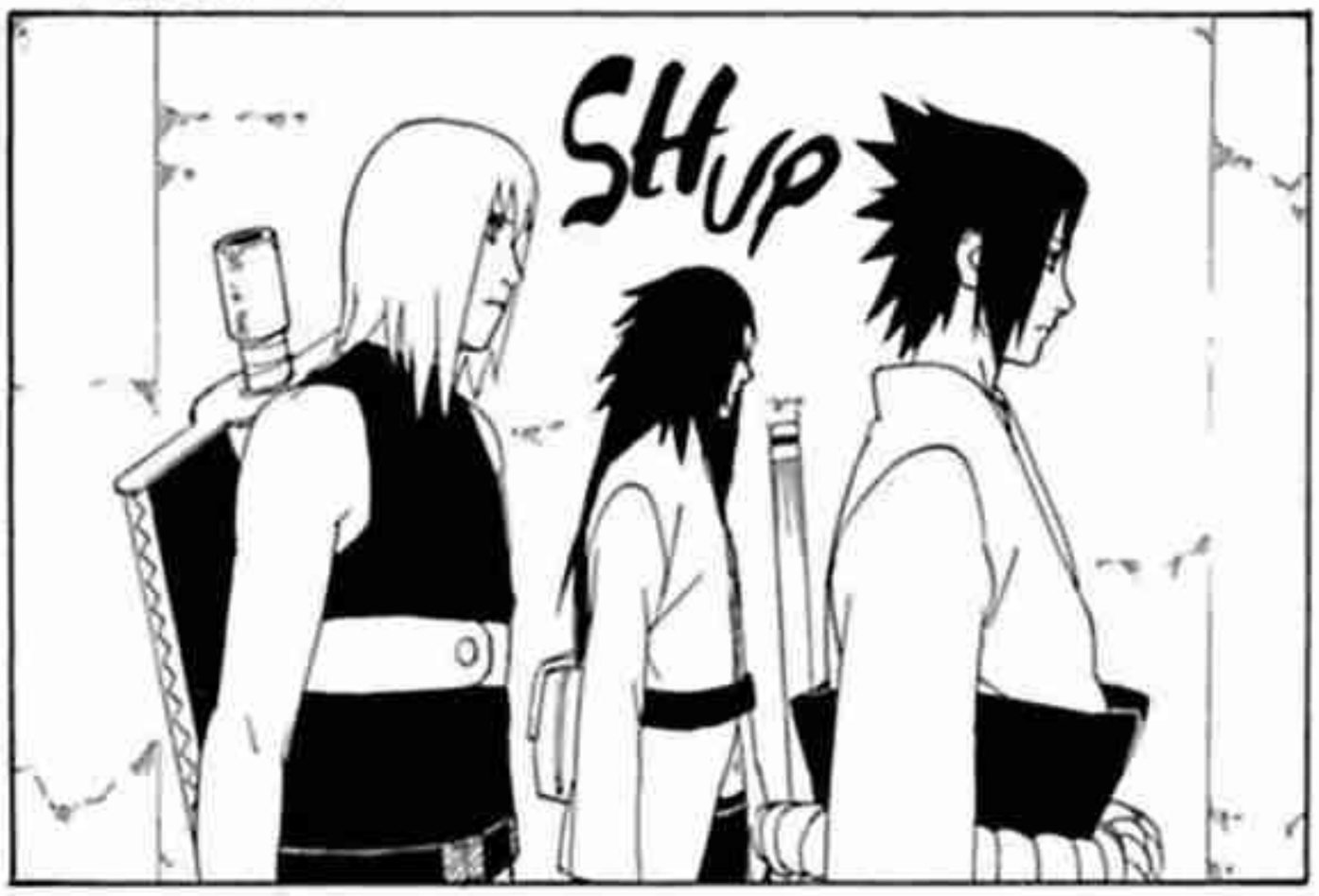


YOU'RE... STRONG ...

UNH...

SHWOOO...

PHEW...


SHUP

JUST CHILL AND FIGURE IT OUT, OK?
SASUKE! QUIT BOSSING US AROUND!
THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE GOOD AT, RIGHT?

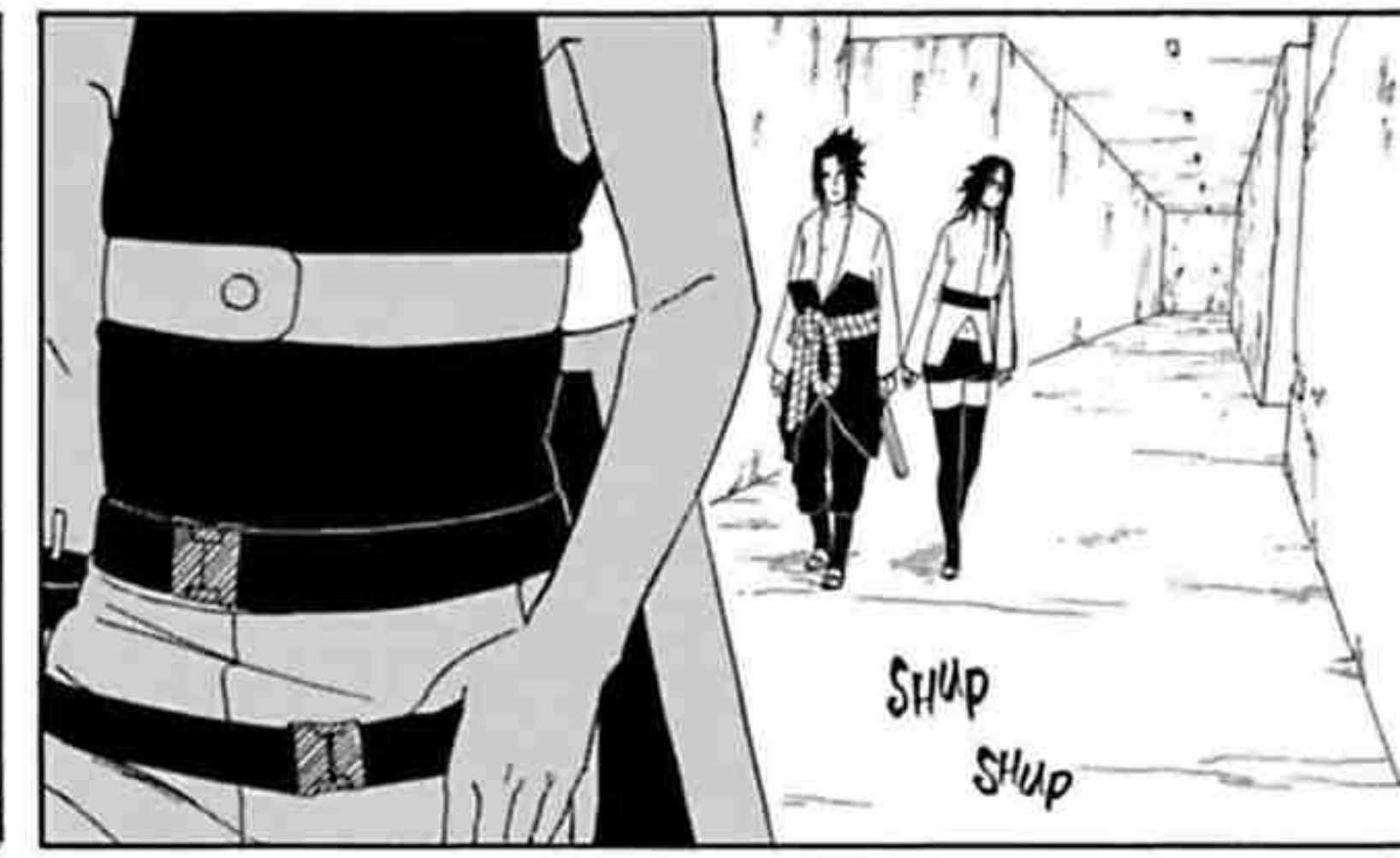
WHICH WAY IS IT, KARIN? LEAD ON.

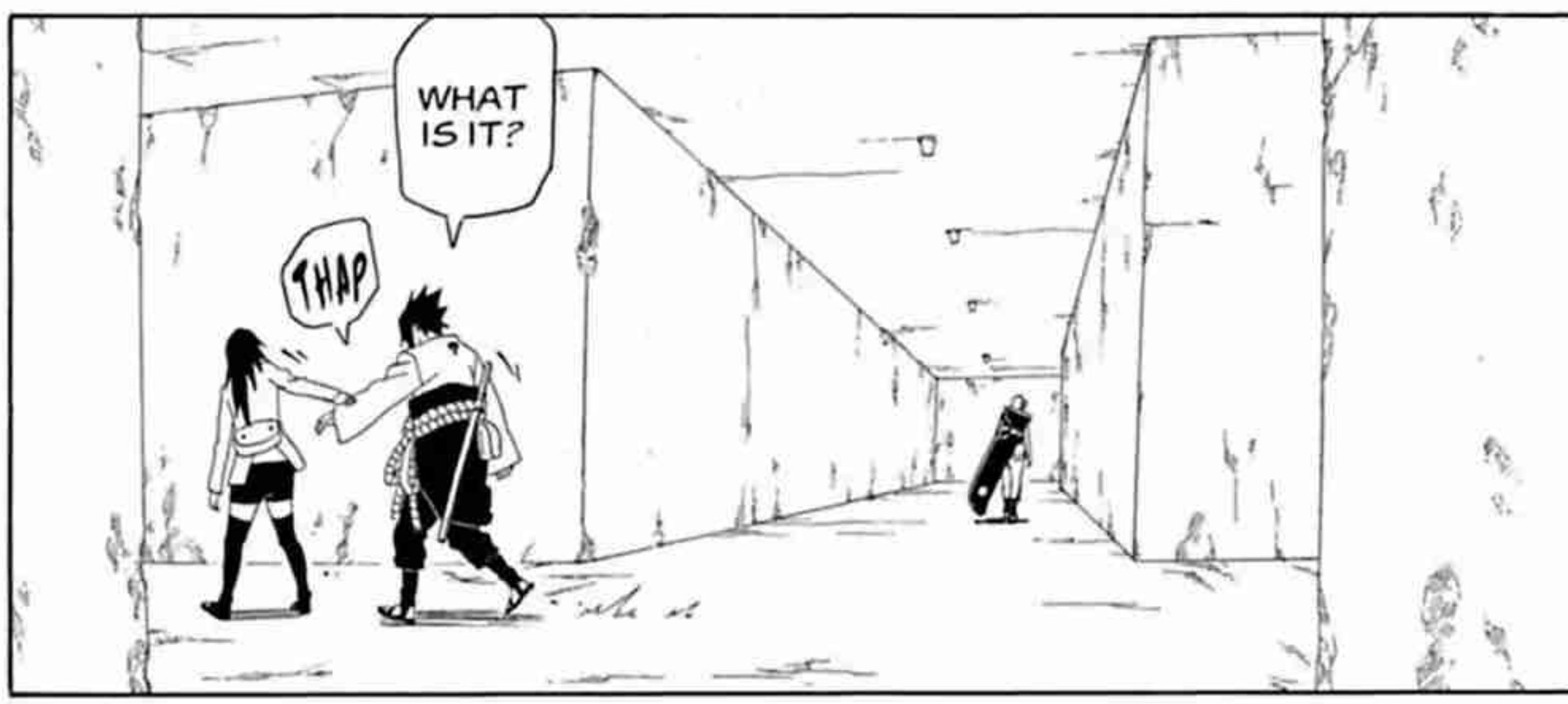
PHEW...
SHUP...

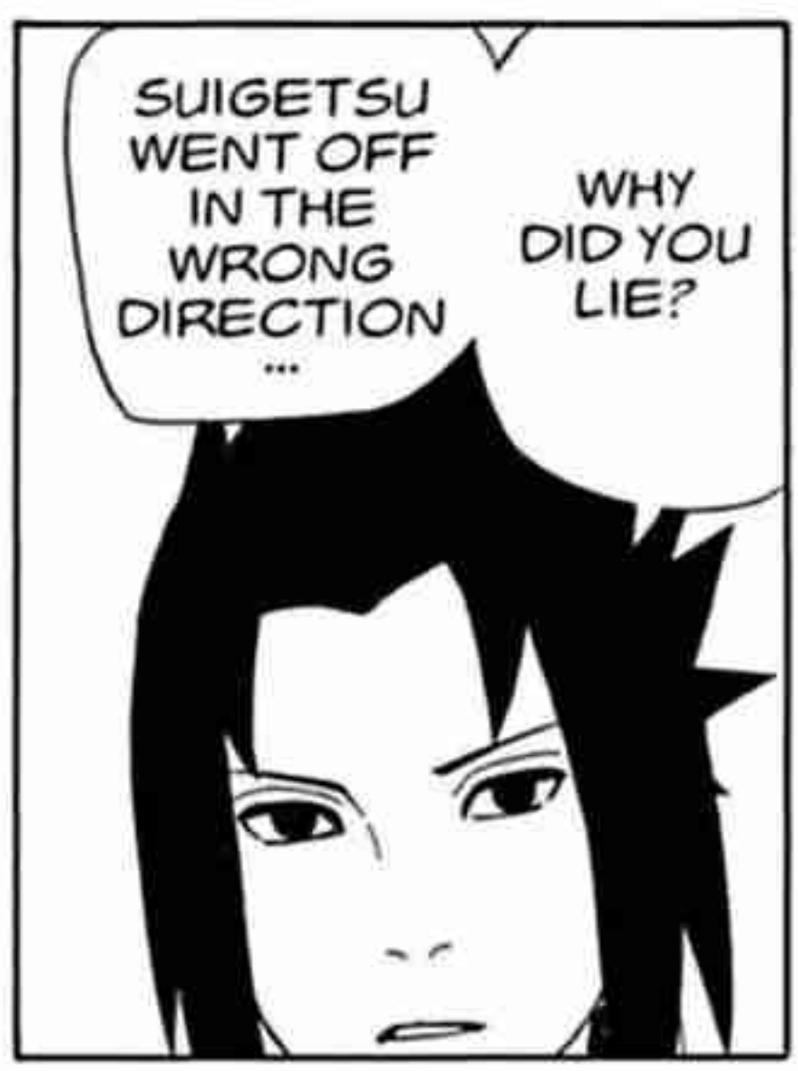
THAT WAY.

...

?!
FFT


SHUP
SHUP


WHAT IS IT?
THAP


SUIGETSU WENT OFF IN THE WRONG DIRECTION ...
WHY DID YOU LIE?

NOW COME ON, SASUKE!
IT'S ACTUALLY THIS WAY.

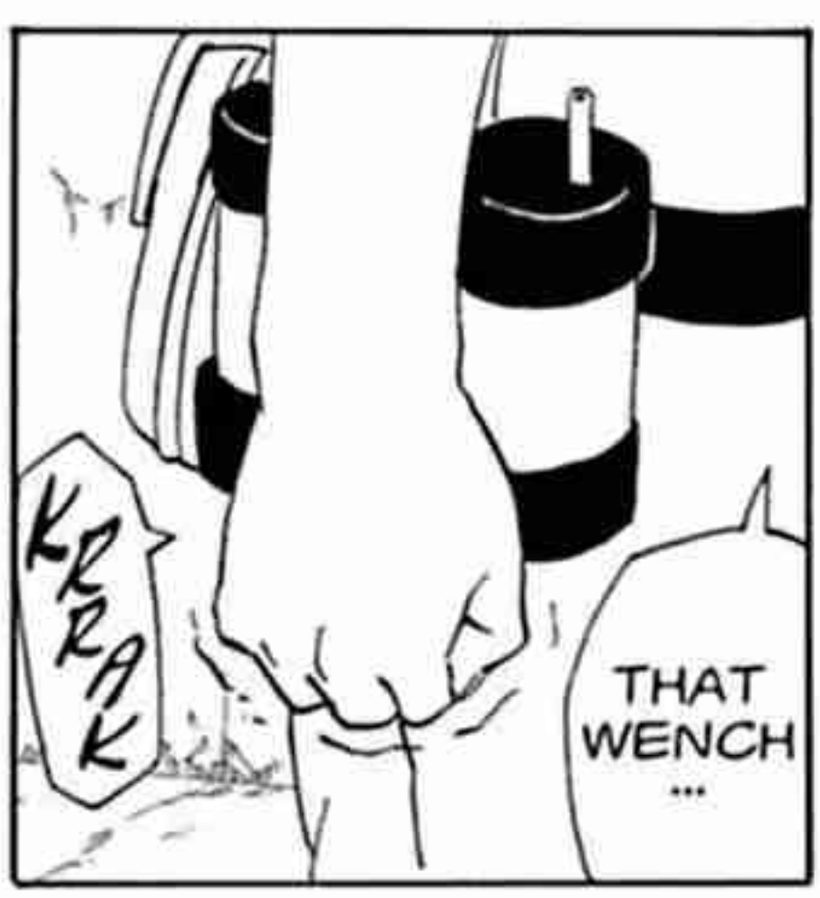
YOU KNOW...

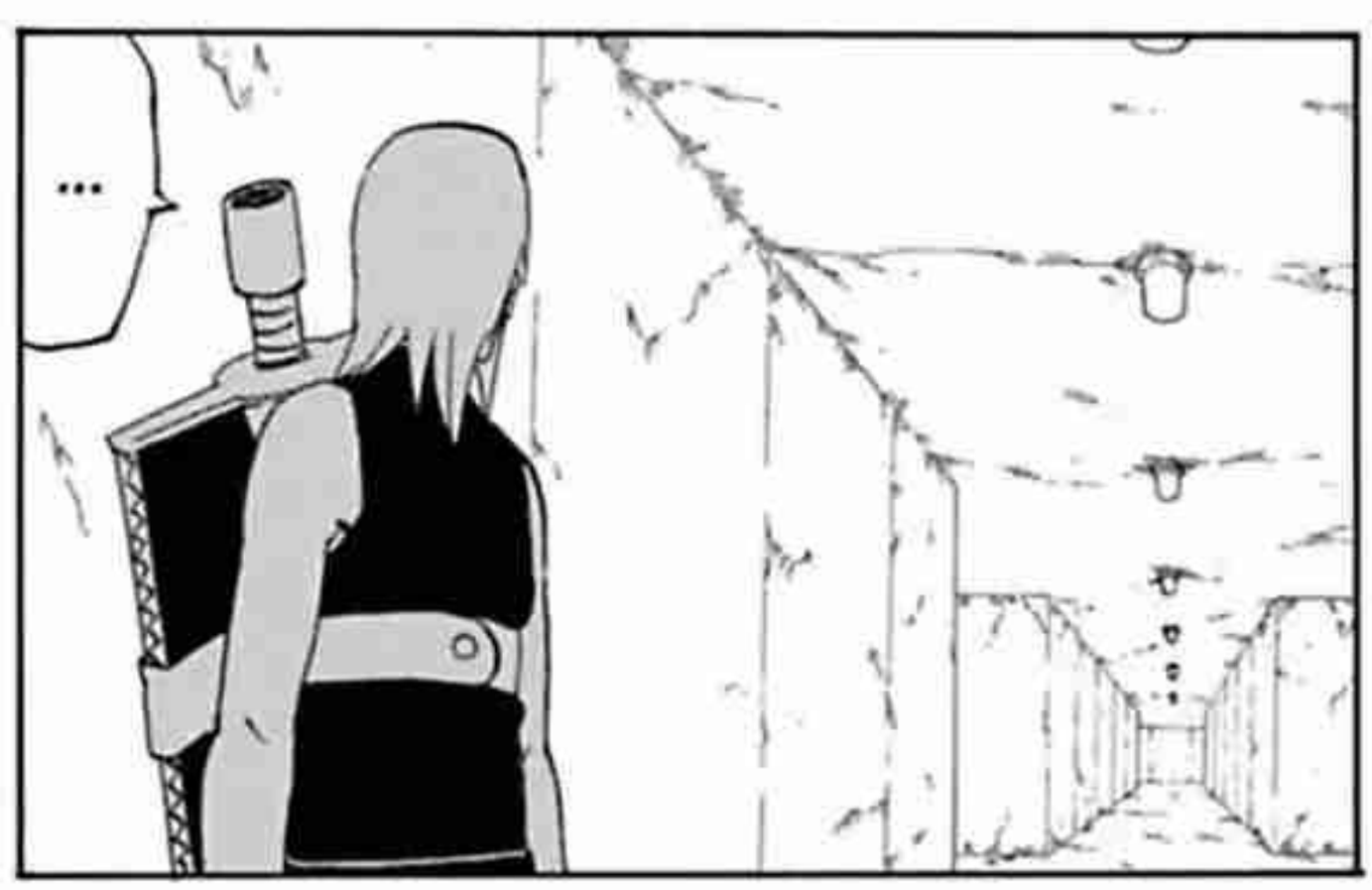
LET GO... I CAN WALK ON MY OWN.
I HATE SUIGETSU! ALWAYS RUNNING HIS MOUTH...! COME ON!

...

...SASUKE ...?

SASUKE ...
DOES THE CURSE MARK CHANGE YOU LIKE THAT TOO?
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THE CURSE MARK COULD TRANSFORM ONE'S BODY TO SUCH A GROTESQUE DEGREE...


KRRAK
THAT WENCH ...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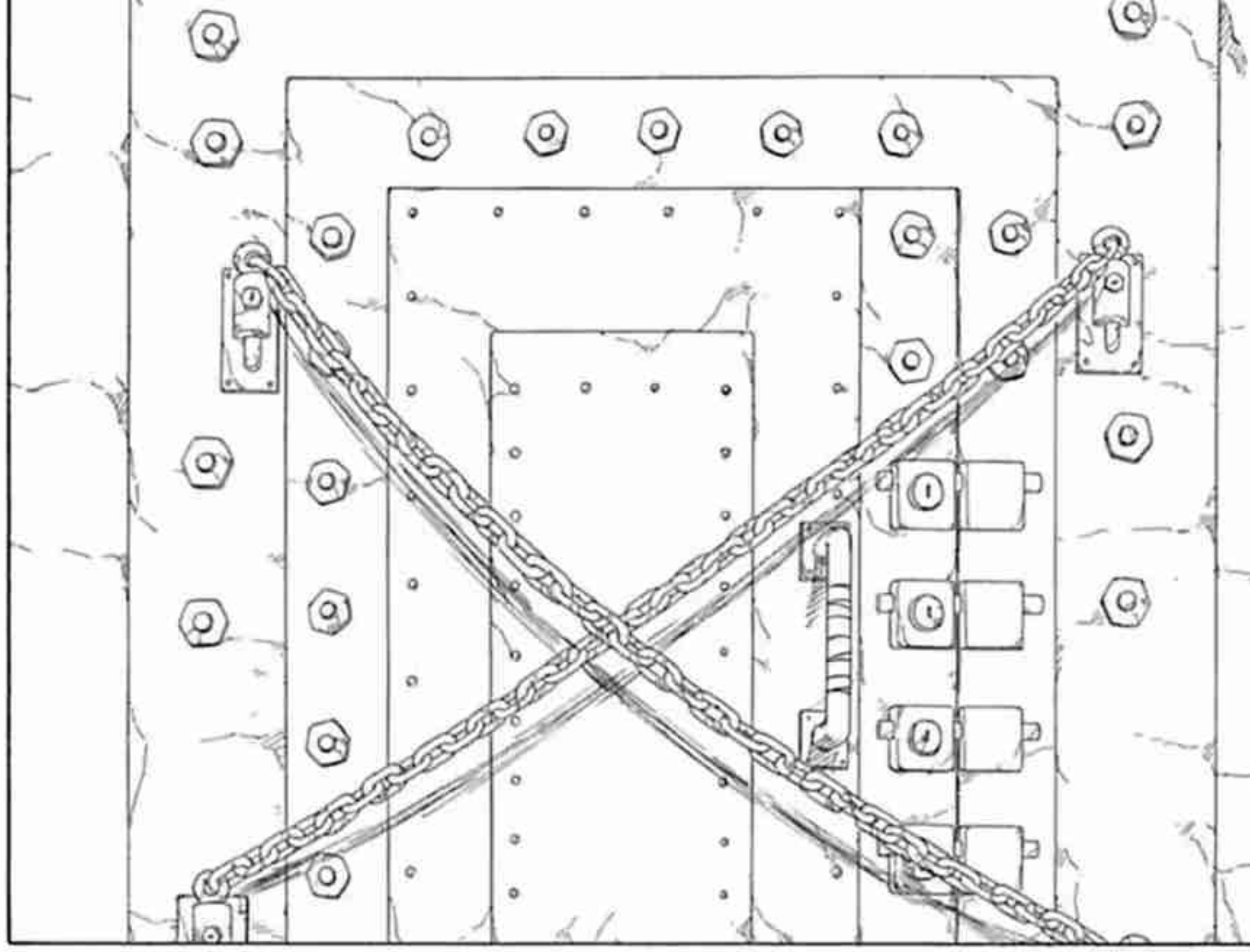
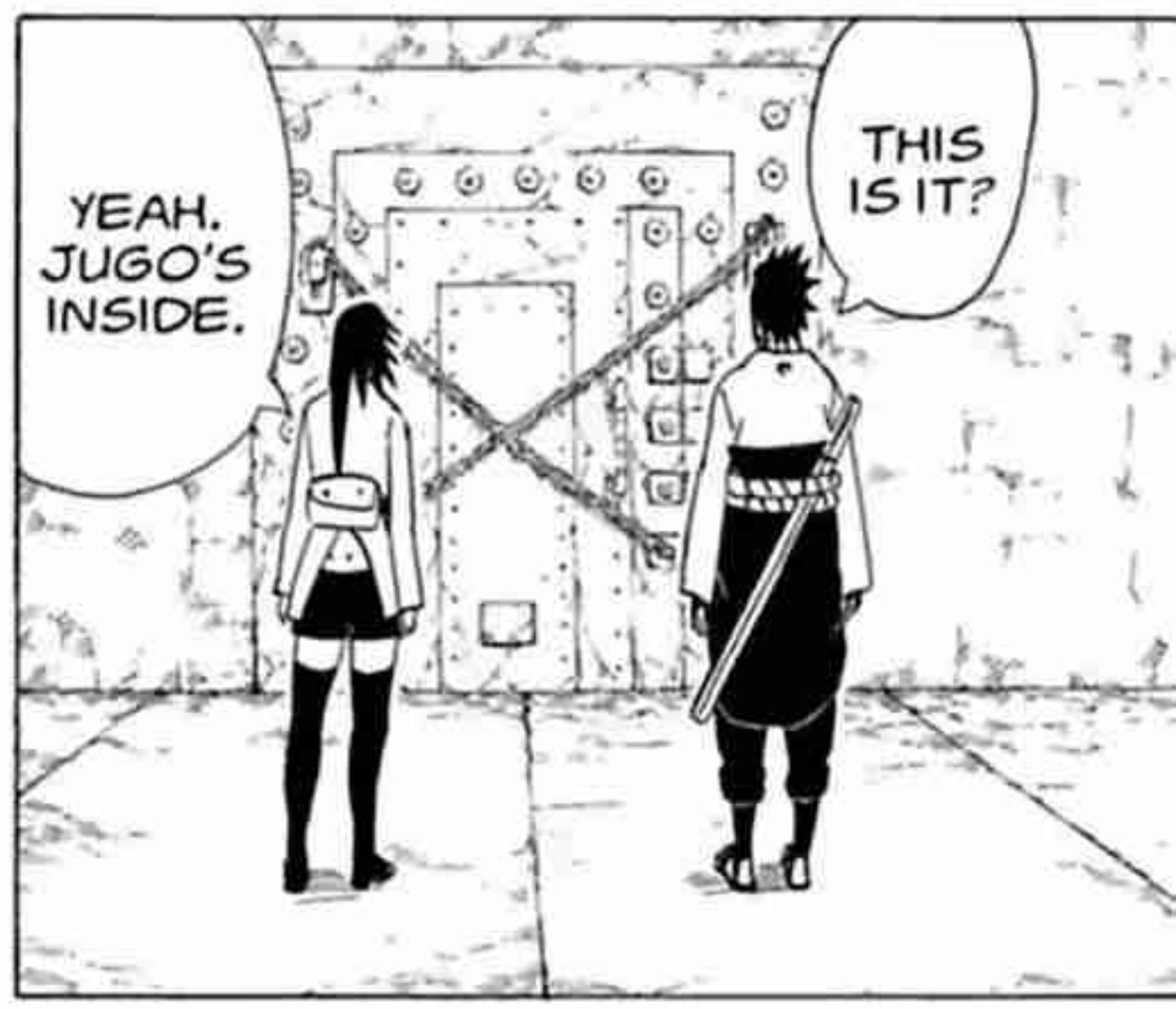
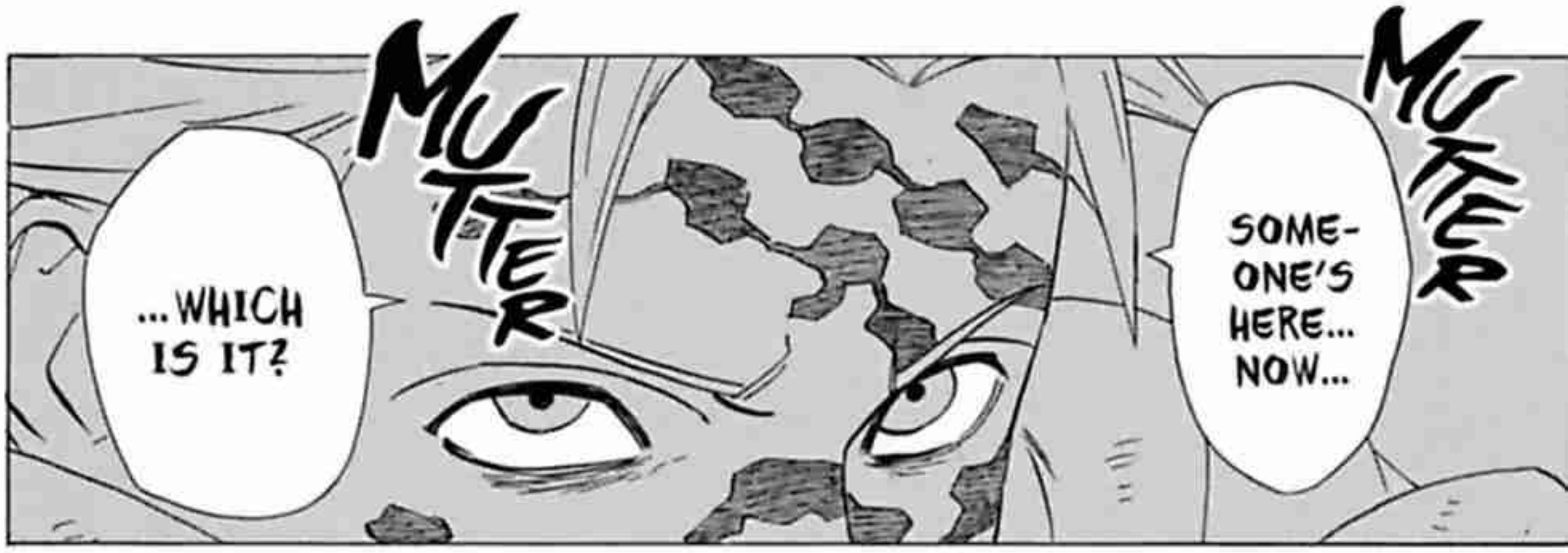
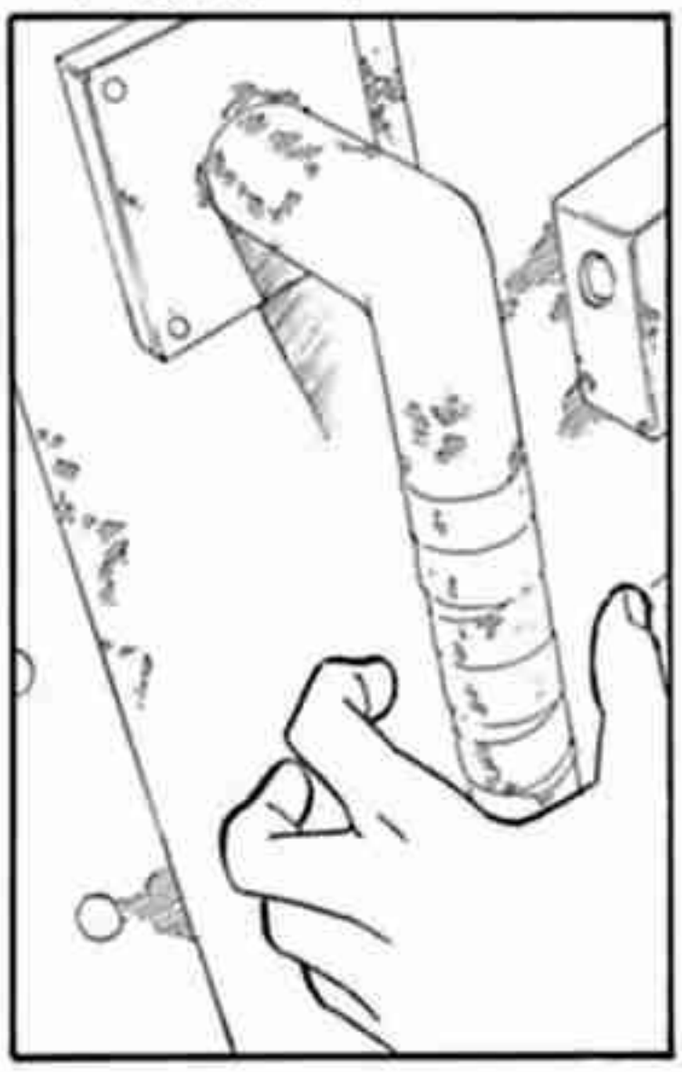


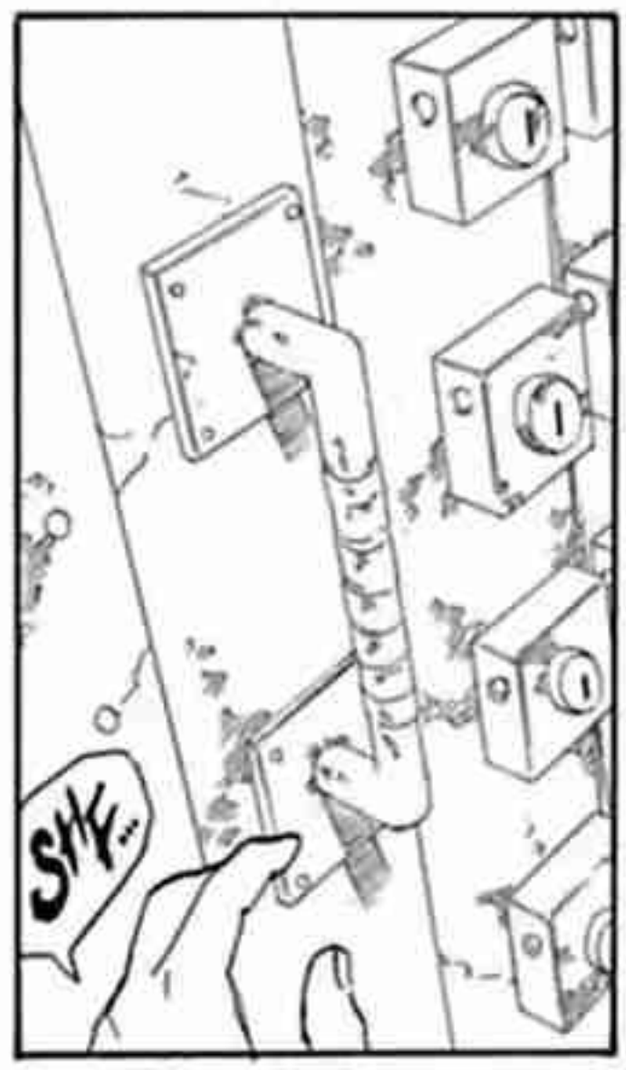
CLACK

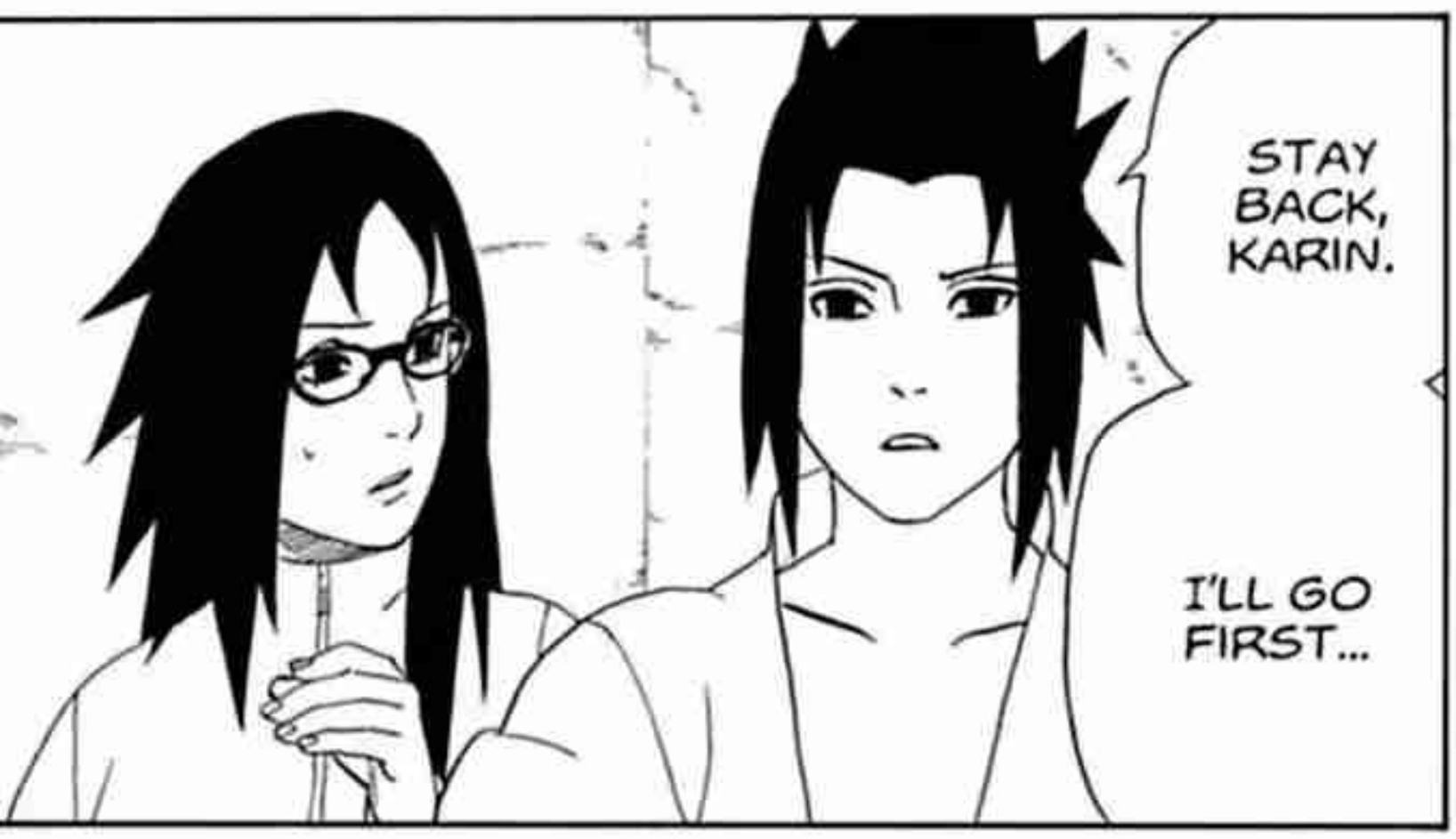

YEAH. JUGO'S INSIDE.
THIS IS IT?


...WHICH IS IT?
MUTTER
SOME-ONE'S HERE... NOW...
MUTTER

READ THIS WAY



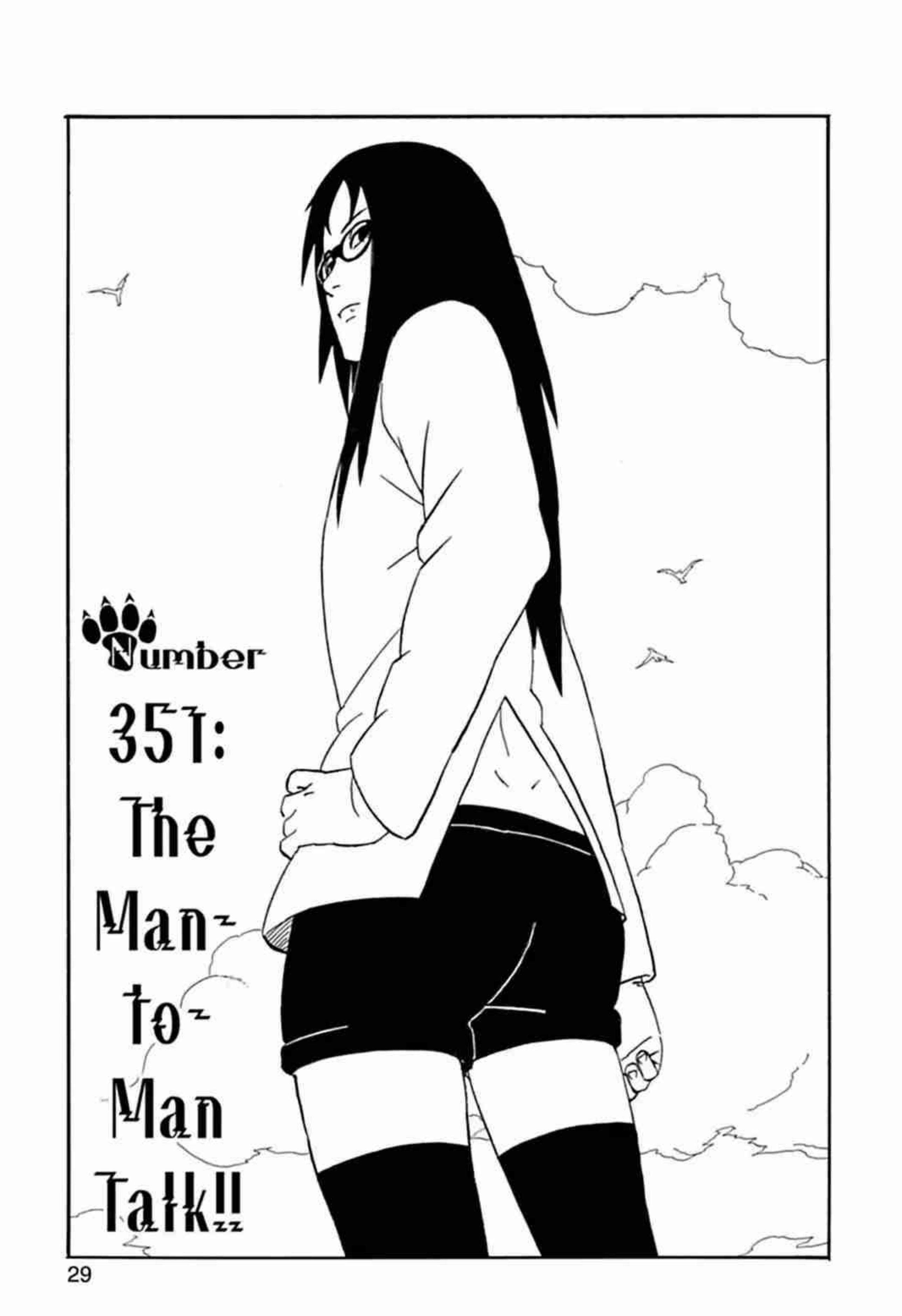




BINGO! YOU'RE DEAD!!

...!
SCRUNCH
HERE HE COMES !

NARUTO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The
Man-
to-
Man
Talk!!zz

I'M BACK WHERE WE STARTED...

GUESS I SHOULD HAVE TURNED RIGHT AT THAT FORK...

...HUH?

WE WANT HIM TO JOIN US...

WE'RE HERE FOR JUGO.

WH-WHY... WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE...?

...?

...YOU HAVE NO IDEA... WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR ...UNNH...

HEH HEH HEH...

READ
THIS
WAY

HEH HEH HEH... HOWEVER STRONG YOU MAY BE... YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR HIM...

OH, BELIEVE ME. I KNOW.
BUT I'LL MAKE HIM SEE REASON... BY FORCE, IF NECES-SARY...
IF YOU LET SOMEONE LIKE HIM LOOSE IN THIS WORLD...

HEH HEH... DEAD!! YOU'RE ALL DEAD!!!

...YOU'D BE DEAD NOW.
YOU KNOW... IF IT WEREN'T FOR SASUKE'S ORDERS...

ARGH!
WHUMP

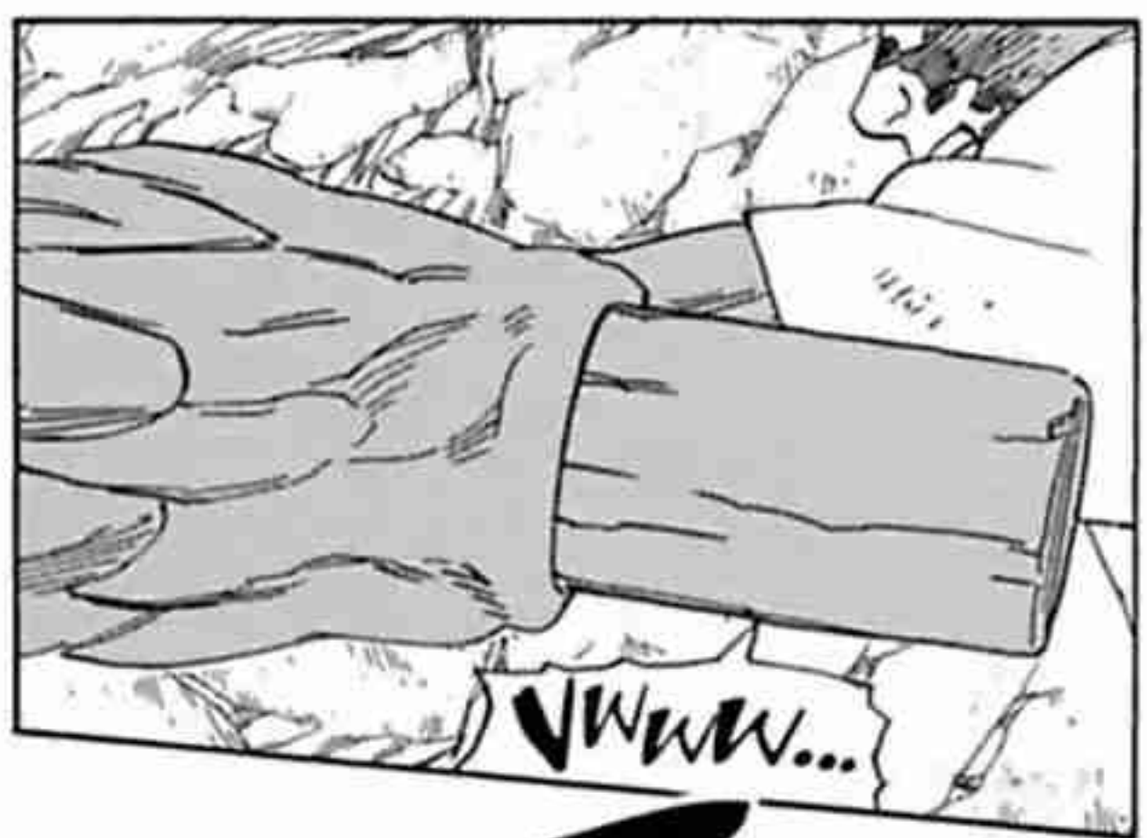
THWACK

...JUST THIS ONCE...
KLAK
...I THINK HE'LL FORGIVE ME...

GWA-
HA
HA
HA
HA
!!

SASUKE
!!

NOT JUST YET!!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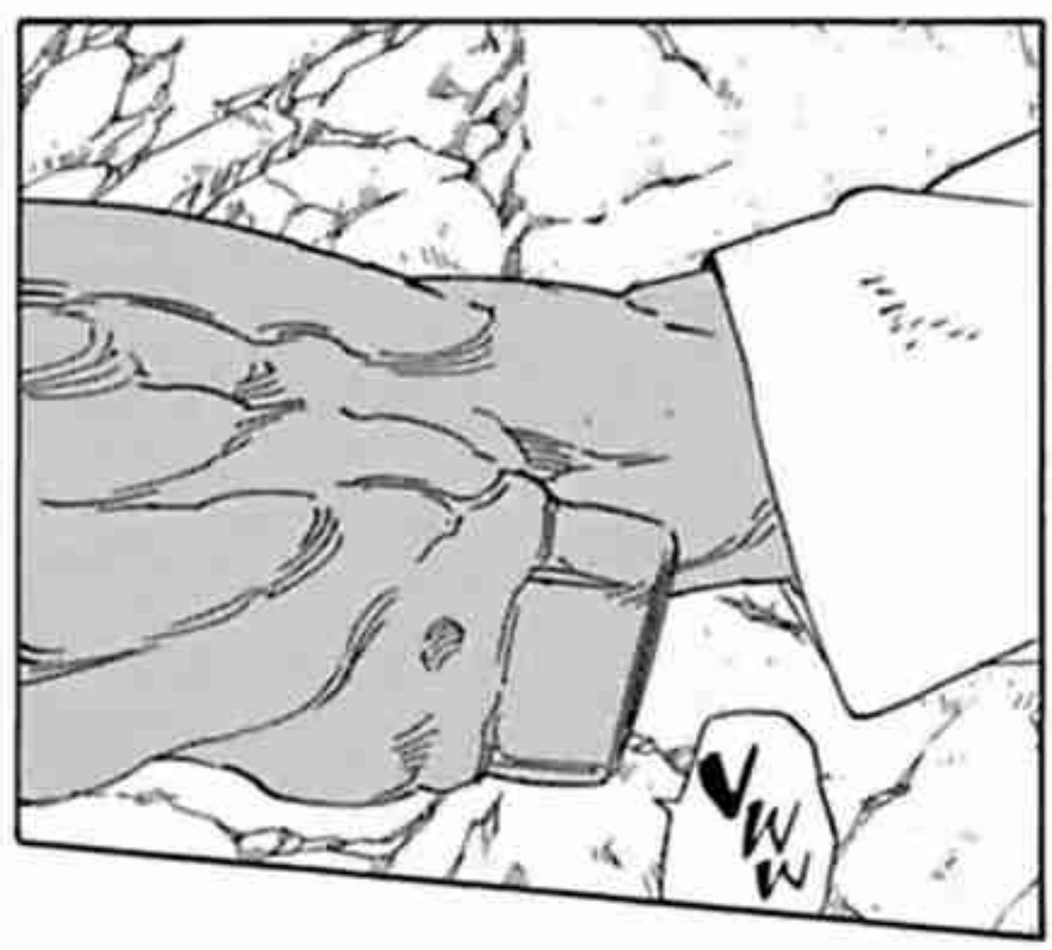
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SASUKE'S CHAKRA...!

!
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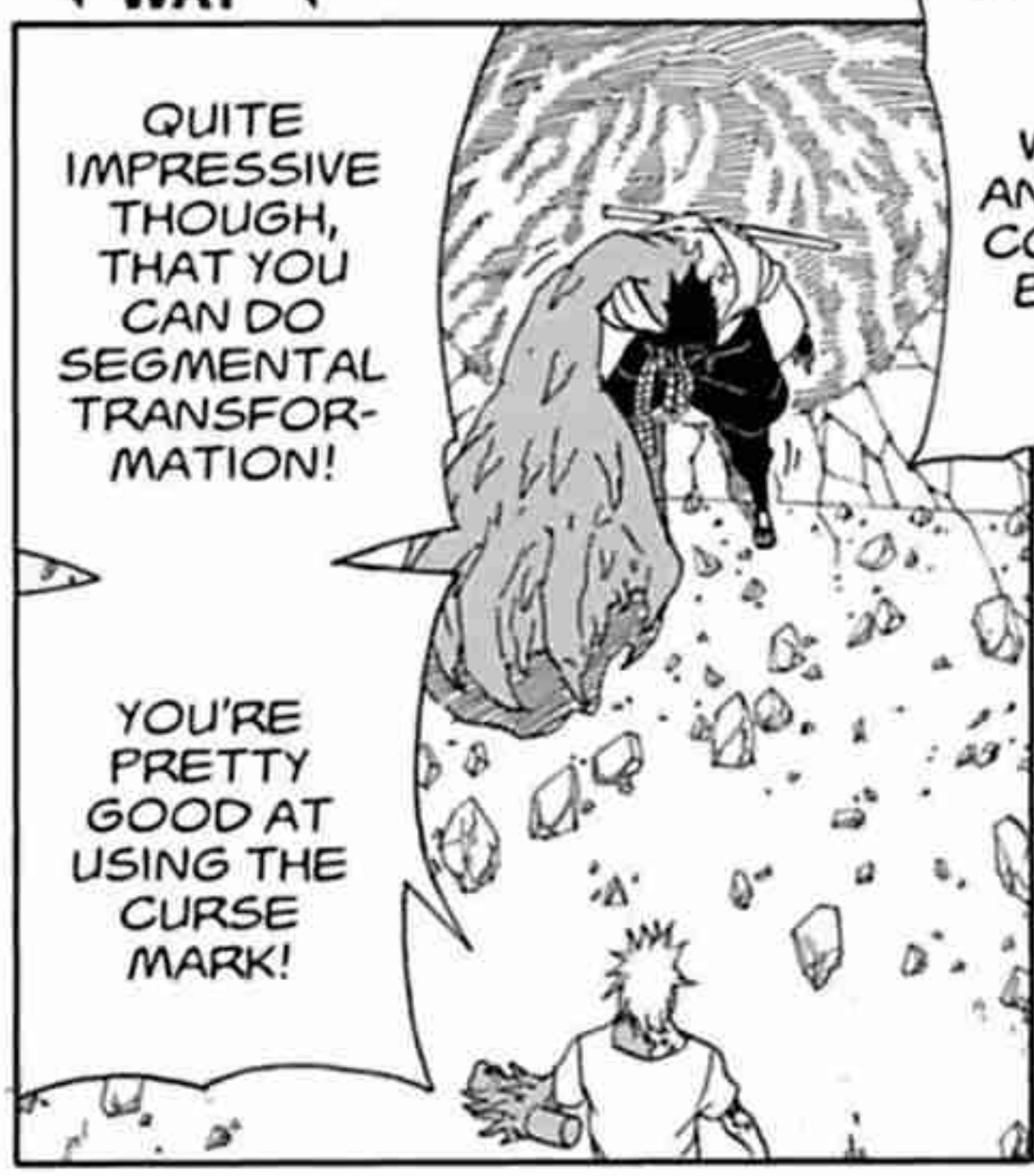
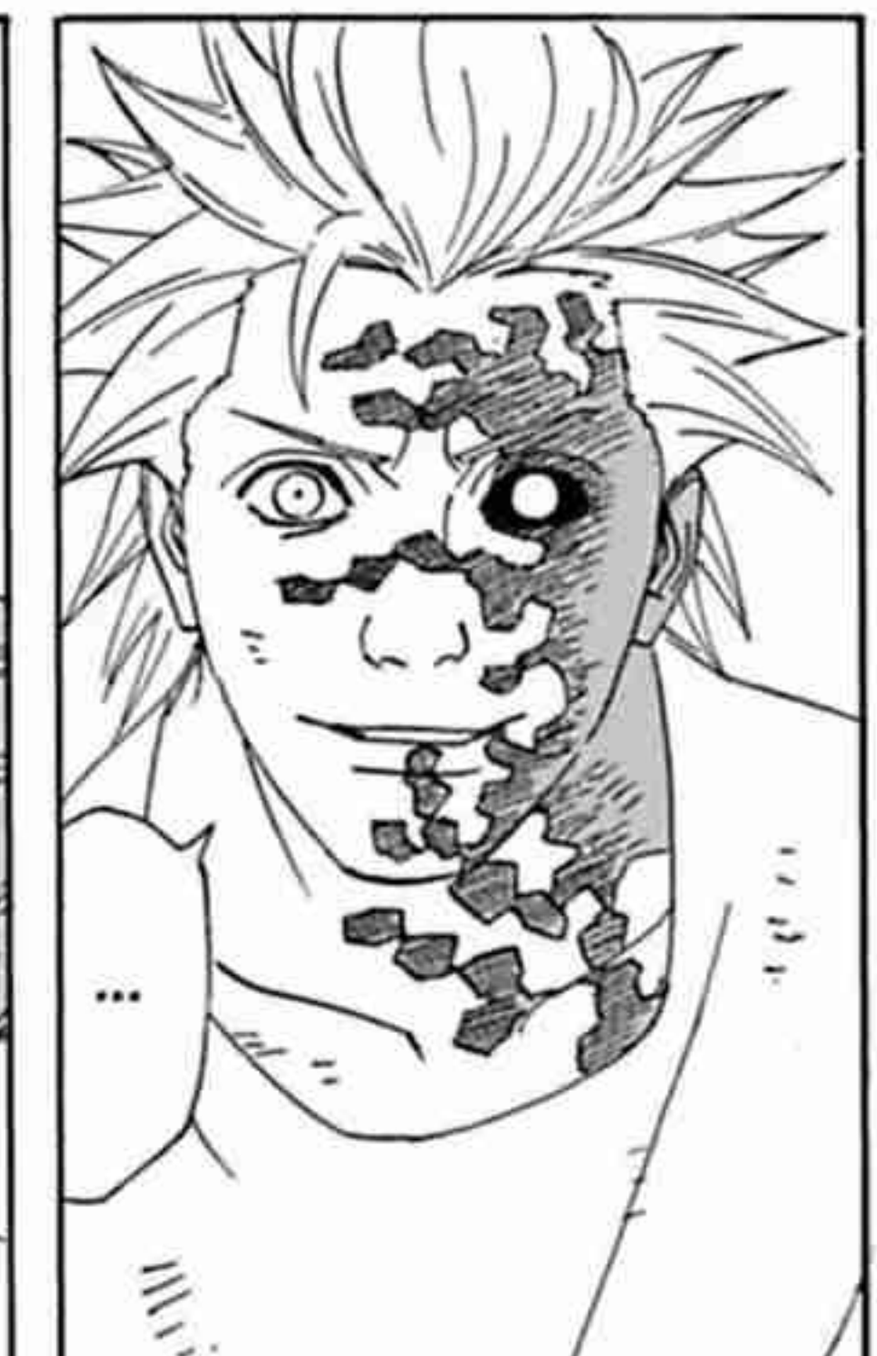
...TRANS-
FORMED!


QUITE IMPRESSIVE THOUGH, THAT YOU CAN DO SEGMENTAL TRANSFORMATION!
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT USING THE CURSE MARK!

WHAT? ANOTHER COPYCAT BRAT?!
THWAP
SWEEP

I JUST WANT TO TALK.
Swg
I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU, JUGO.

HAVEN'T SEEN A COPYCAT THIS GOOD SINCE KIMIMARO !!
HE'S STRONG !!
WHSSH


...

KRAK

NO

WHUMP

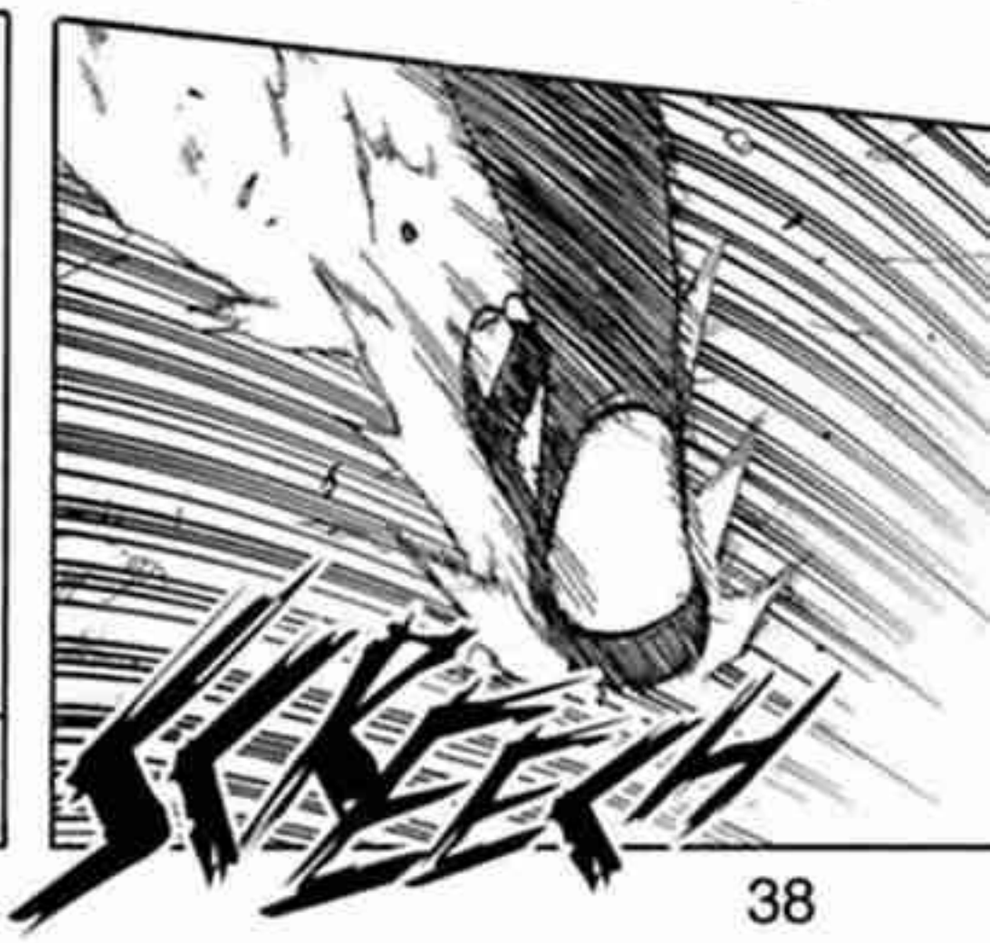
READ THIS WAY
AND KARIN, I'LL GET TO YOU LATER...
LEAVE HIM TO ME, SASUKE.
...?
LET ME TALK TO HIM.
STOP IT, SUIGETSU. WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT.
GREAT ...
I REMEMBER YOU NOW!
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'RE SUIGETSU.
THE ONLY LANGUAGE HE UNDER-STANDS IS FORCE...
HE'S NOT THE TYPE THAT LISTENS TO WORDS.

HATSSH

FUSS

KLA
GAN

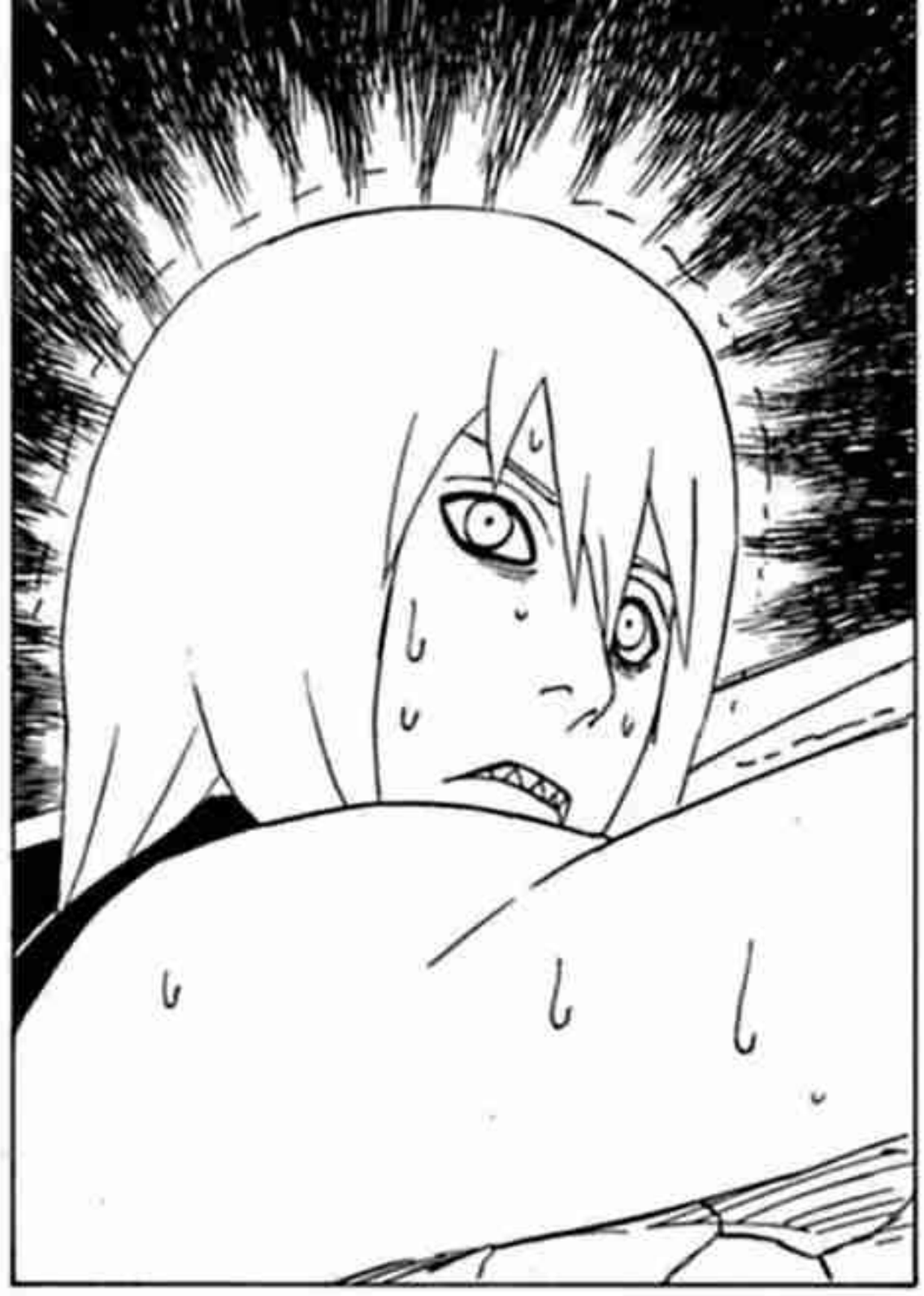
HAAH!!

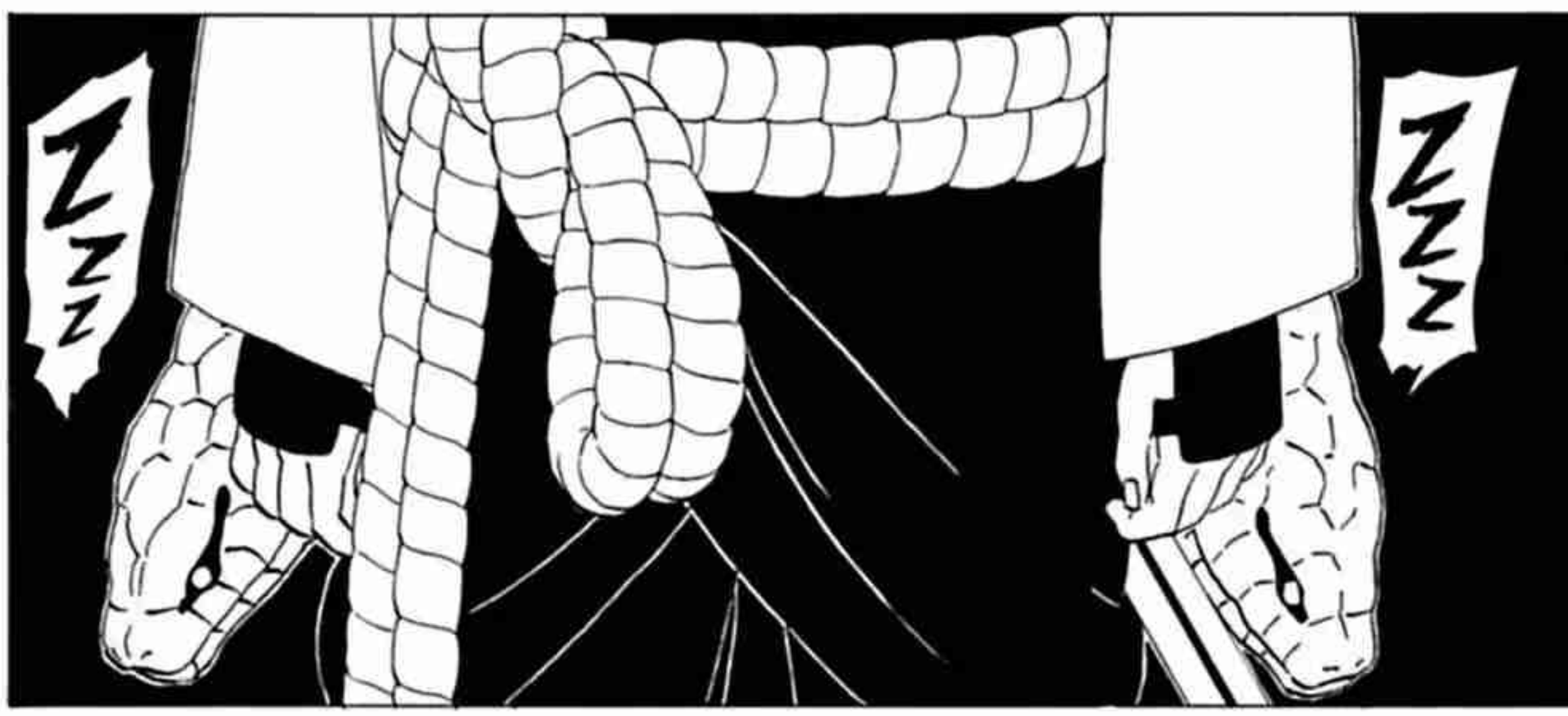

SUBEEN

THUGH!

SHIFF

DO YOU BOTH...
...WANT ME TO KILL YOU?
!
!
ZZZZZZ...



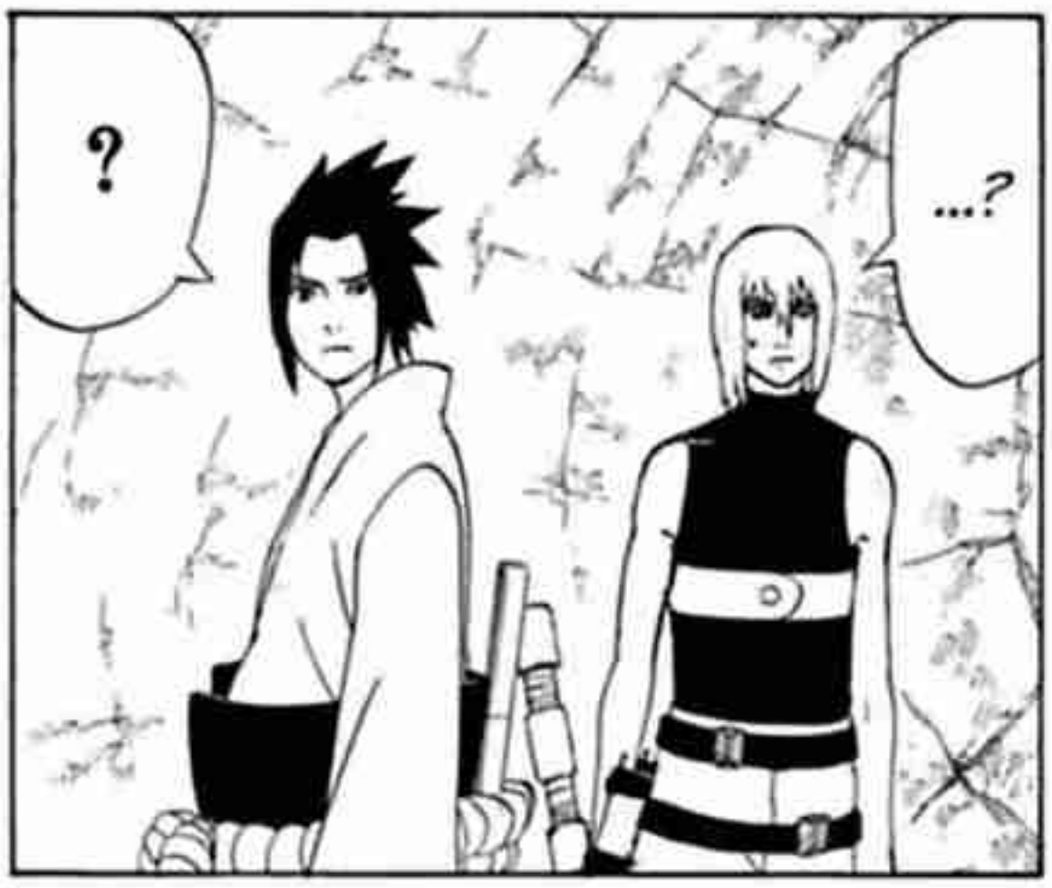

ZZZ
ZZZ

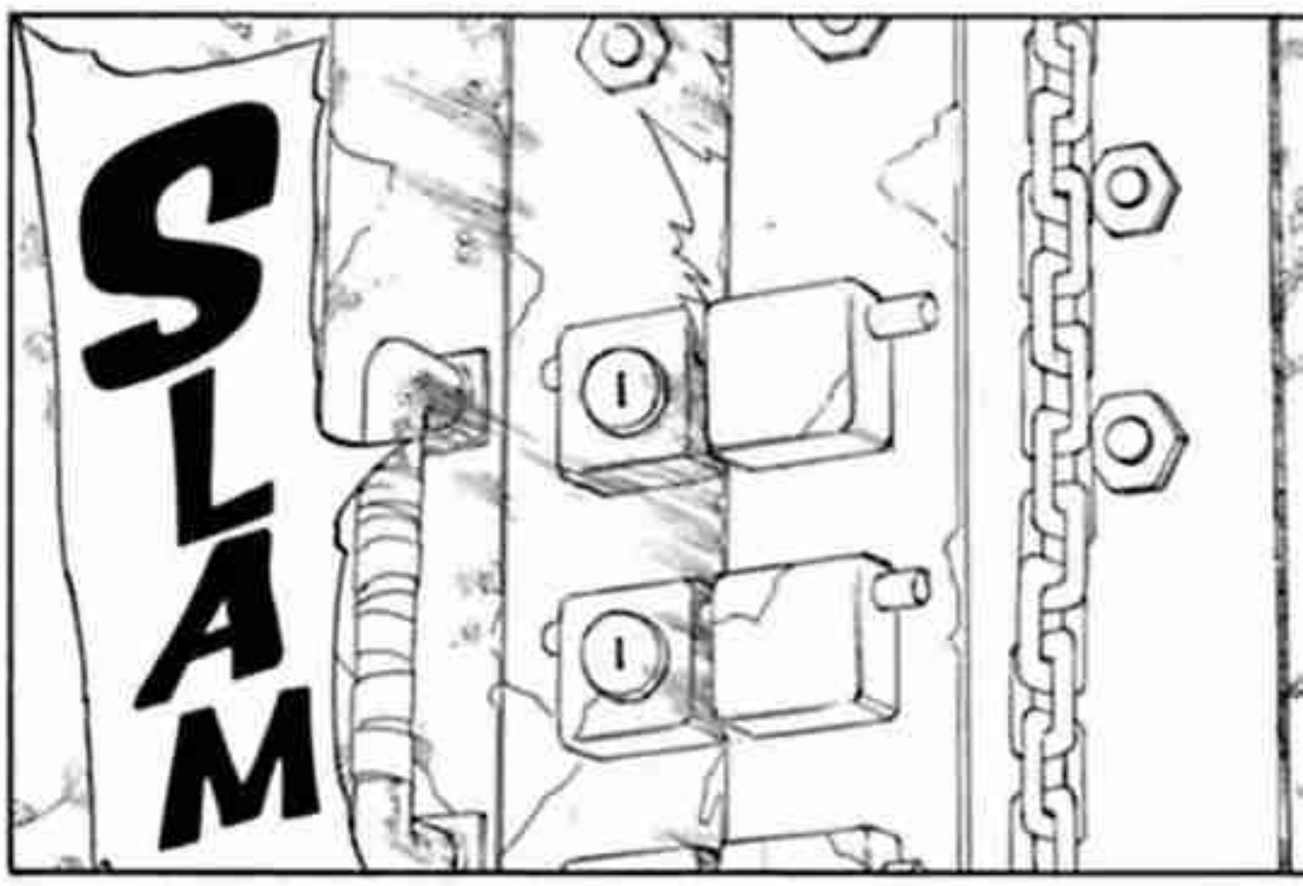
READ THIS WAY
OH, SASUKE...!
TH-THAT WAS IN-CRED-IBLE...
THAT... WAS REAL INTENT TO KILL JUST NOW...!
GULP
...
WO
WO...
SHF
SHF
AAH...
!

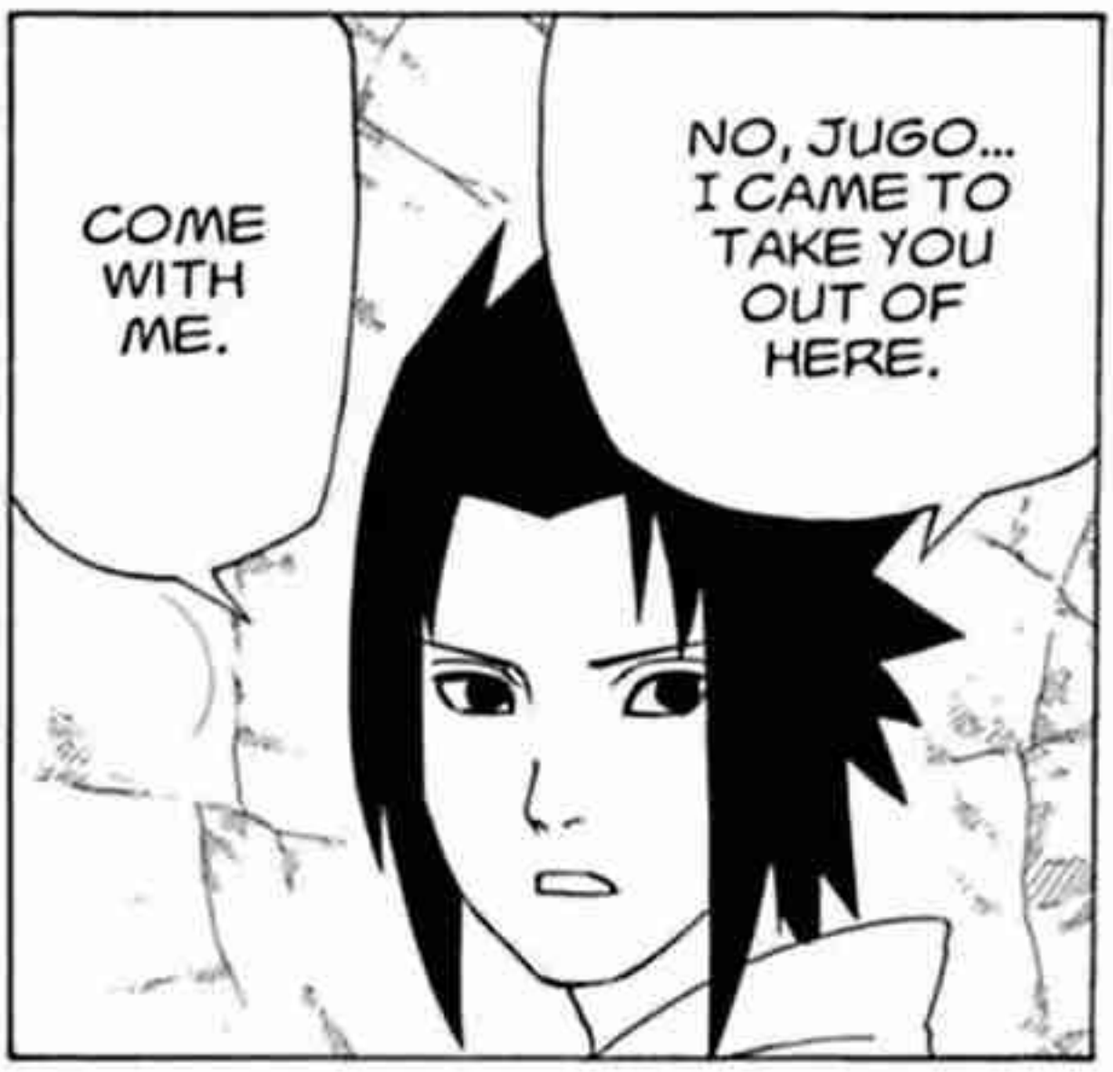
WHSSH

GG...

WAAAAH!!



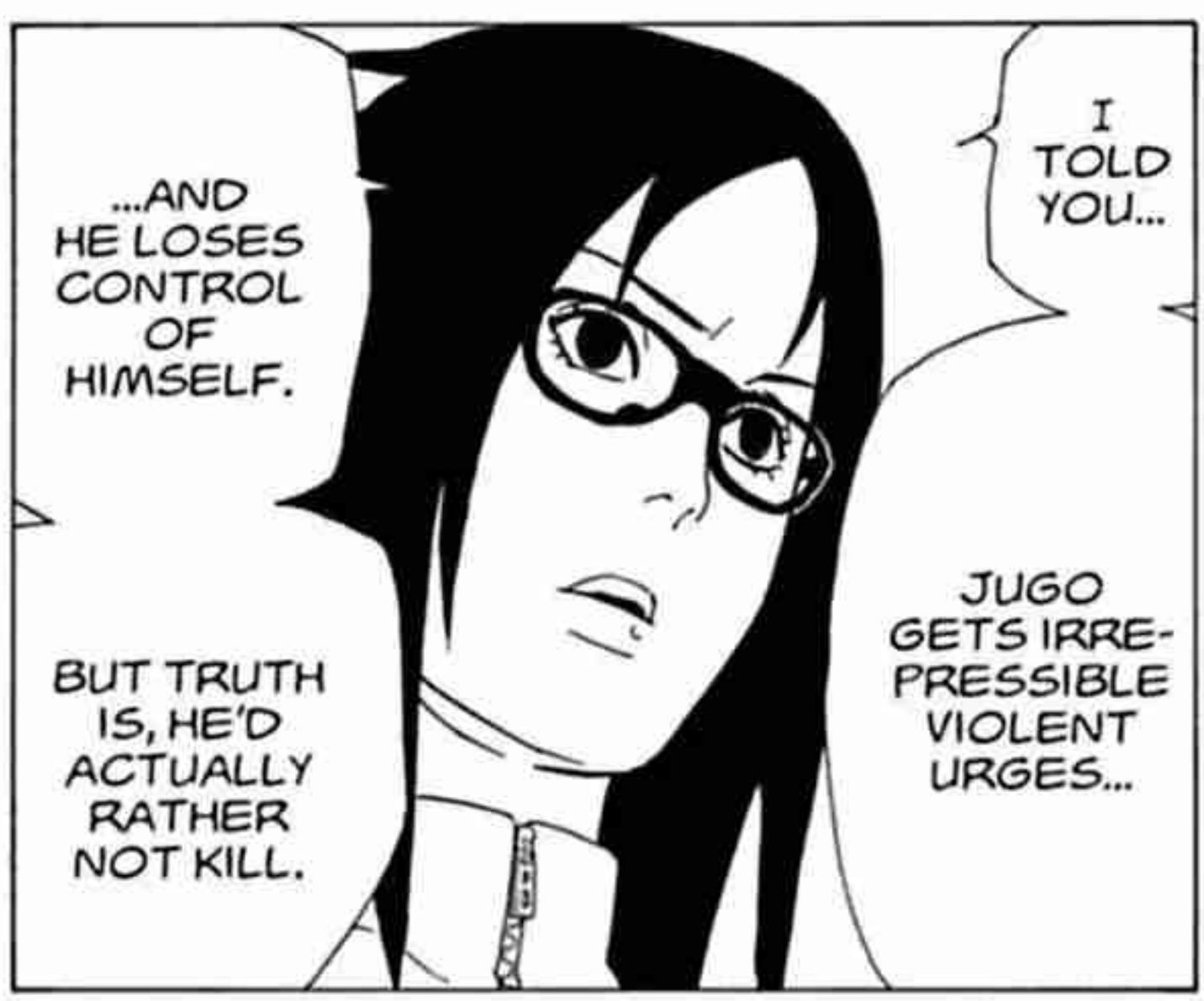




...?

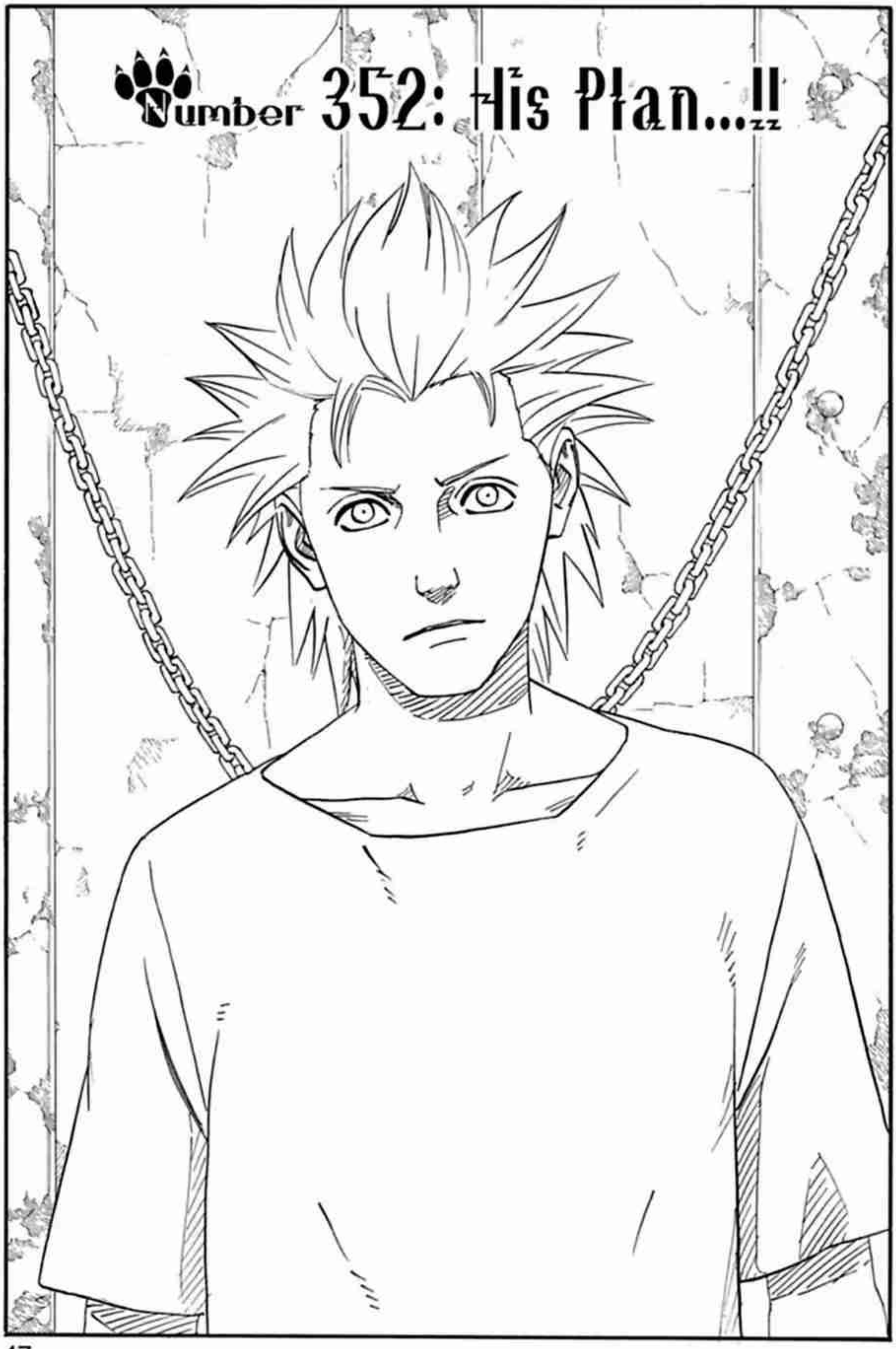
SASUKE REALLY FREAKED HIM OUT.
NO... THAT'S NOT IT.

I DON'T WANNA GO OUTSIDE... PLEASE JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!
I DON'T WANNA KILL ANY MORE PEOPLE!


...AND HE LOSES CONTROL OF HIMSELF.
I TOLD YOU...
BUT TRUTH IS, HE'D ACTUALLY RATHER NOT KILL.
JUGO GETS IRRE-PRESSIBLE VIOLENT URGES...

WOW. SCHIZO-PHRENIA ...
WHAT...?

NARUTO


Number 352: His Plan...!!

SO, PLEASE! JUST HURRY UP AND LOCK THE DOOR!

I DON'T KNOW WHEN THE URGE TO KILL WILL STRIKE AGAIN!

WE'LL CON-STANTLY HAVE TO WATCH OUR BACKS AROUND HIM.

I DON'T THINK JUGO'S GOING TO WORK OUT, SASUKE...

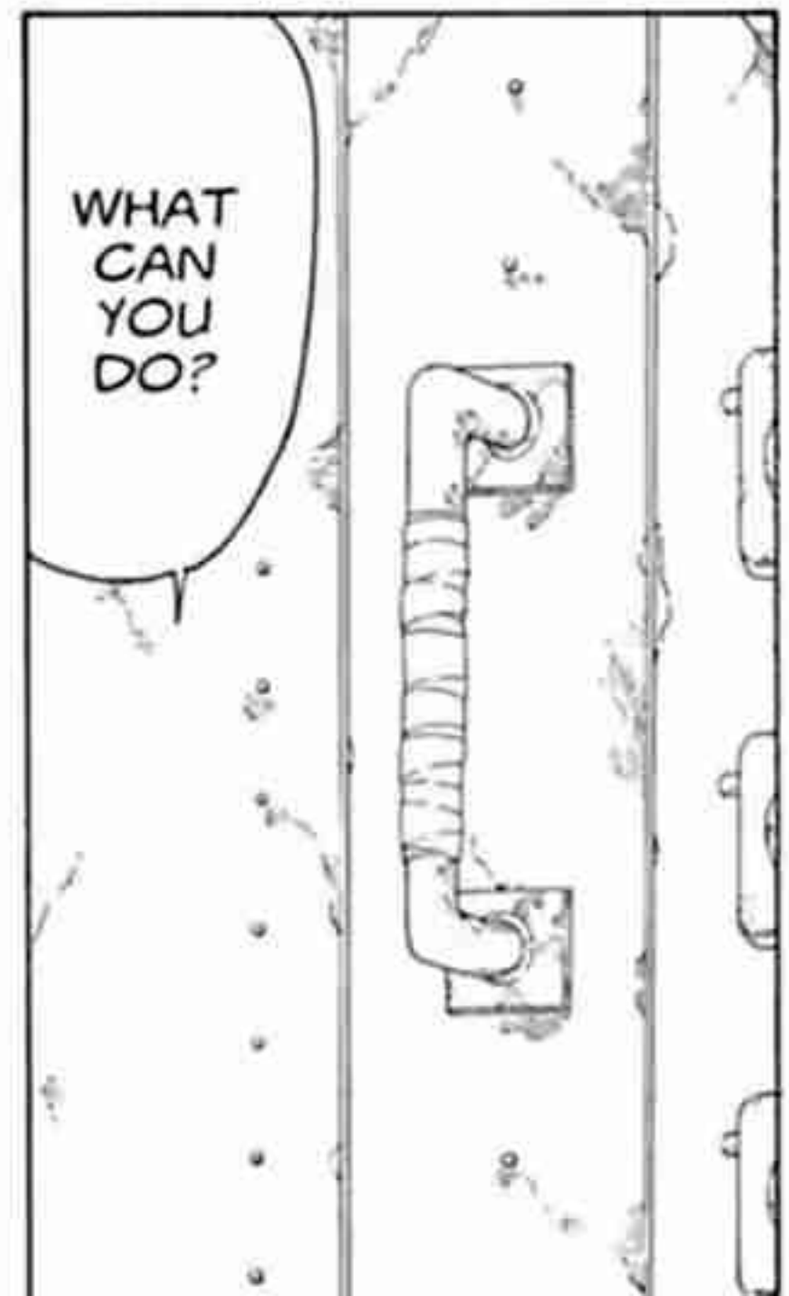
FINE BY ME!
I'VE GOT ENOUGH BLOOD ON MY HANDS!

YOU'LL BE DONE FOR IF YOU STAY HERE.
OROCHI-MARU'S DEAD.
THIS HIDEOUT'S BEEN DESTROYED TOO.
SHUP

...

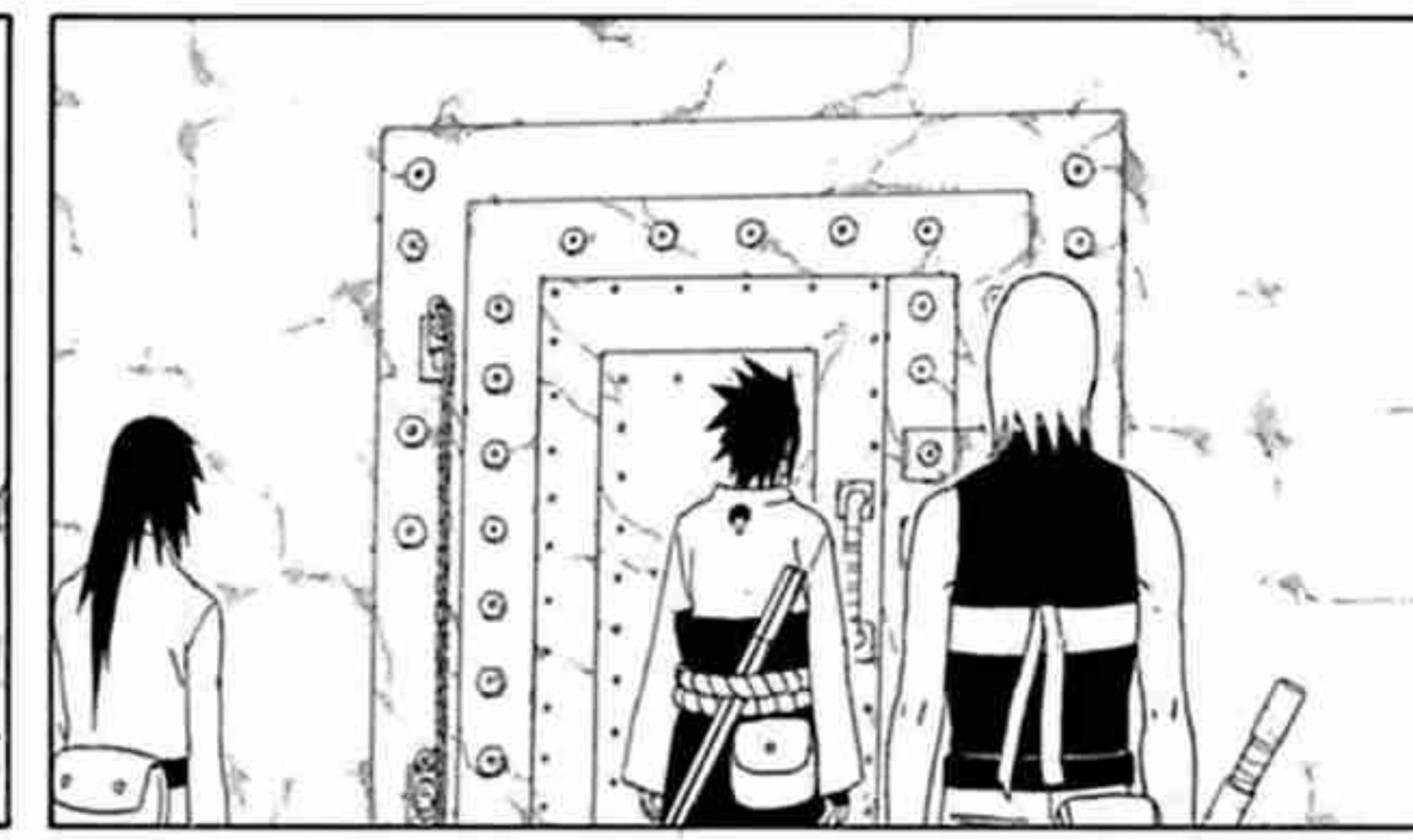
I'LL STOP YOU.
...DON'T WORRY...
I'LL BE YOUR CAGE.

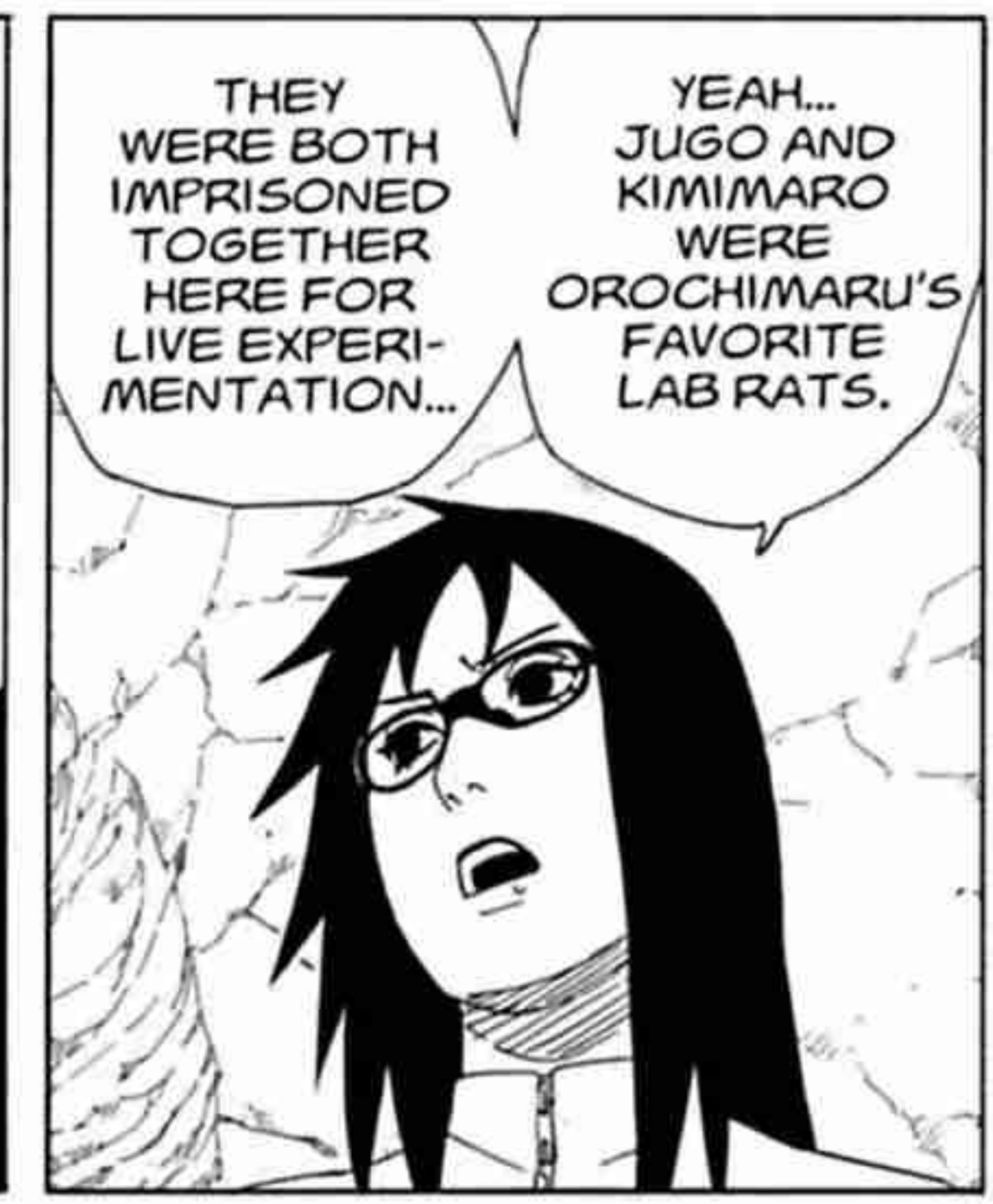
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP MY URGES...


WHAT CAN YOU DO?

IF KIMIMARO'S NOT HERE, I CAN'T GO OUTSIDE!

...IS KIMIMARO.





I HEARD HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD STOP JUGO'S RAMPAGES...

...WITHOUT HARMING HIS FELLOW PRECIOUS RESEARCH SUBJECT.

AND KIMIMARO WAS STRONG TOO...

HE'S GONE.

JUGO... KIMIMARO DIED FOR ME.

BUT I THOUGHT THAT GUY WAS...

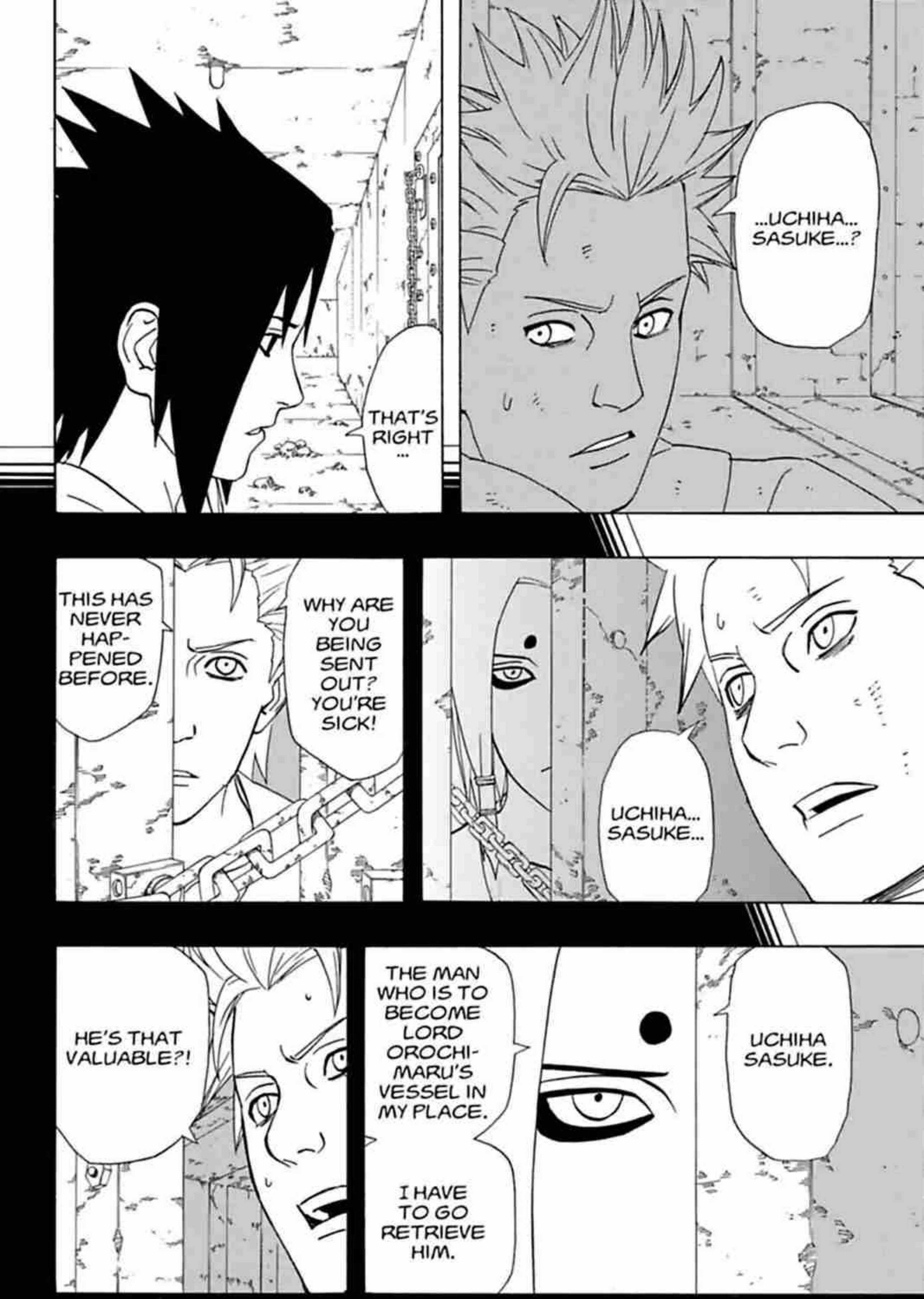
THEN YOU'RE ...

HE DIED FOR YOU...?!

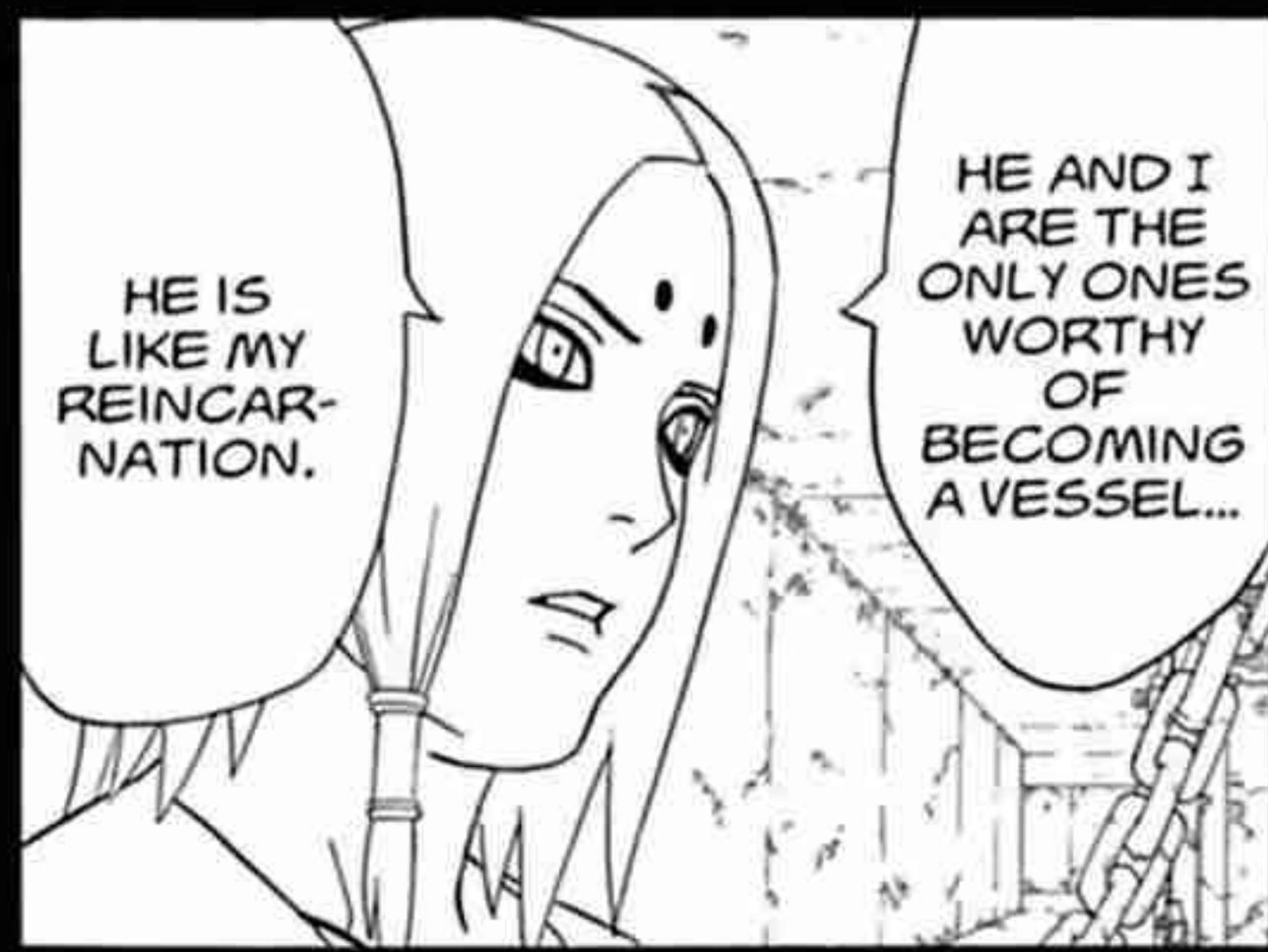
...

...

TWITCH

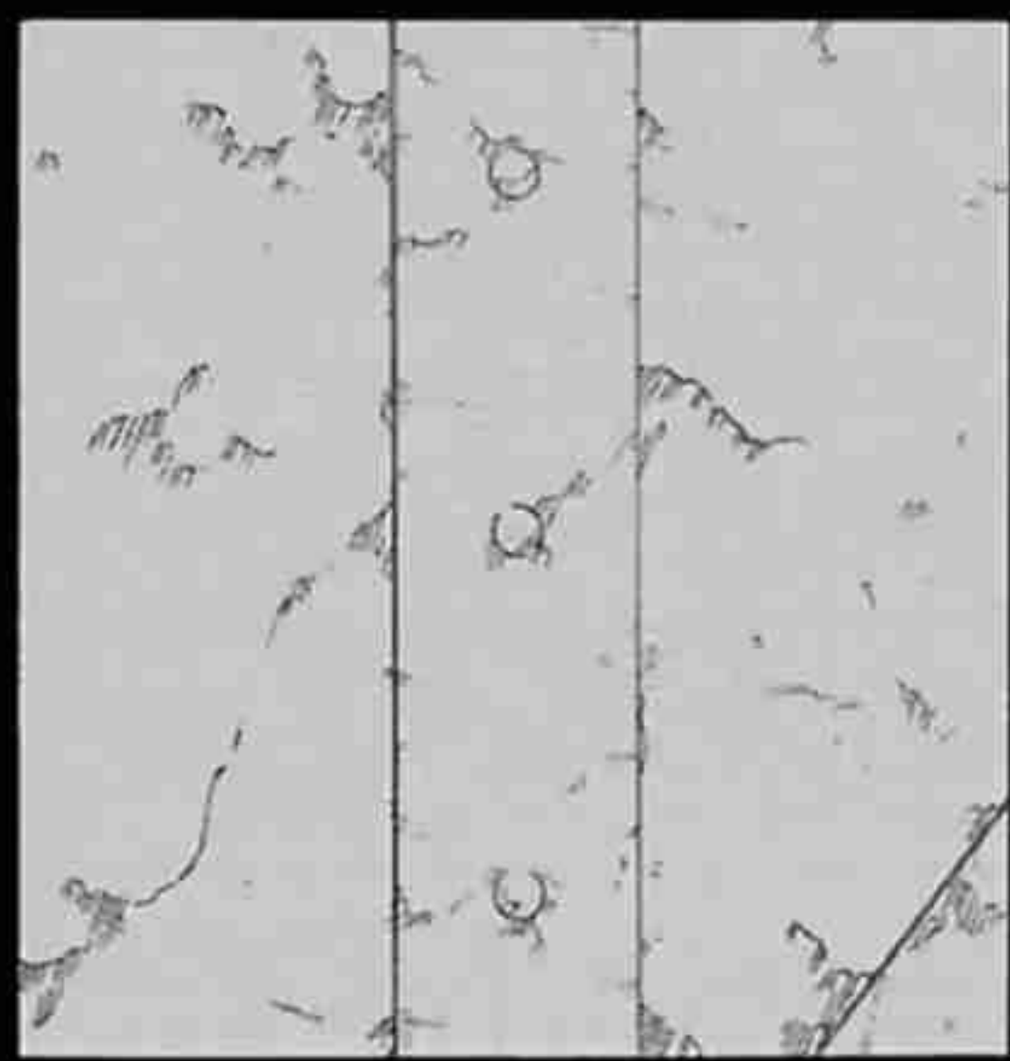

THAT'S RIGHT ...
...UCHIHA... SASUKE...?
THIS HAS NEVER HAP-PENED BEFORE.
WHY ARE YOU BEING SENT OUT? YOU'RE SICK!
UCHIHA... SASUKE...
HE'S THAT VALUABLE?!
THE MAN WHO IS TO BECOME LORD OROCHI-MARU'S VESSEL IN MY PLACE.
I HAVE TO GO RETRIEVE HIM.
UCHIHA SASUKE.

I WILL SACRIFICE MYSELF TO RETRIEVE HIM.


HE IS LIKE MY REINCAR-NATION.
HE AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES WORTHY OF BECOMING A VESSEL...

SO DON'T WORRY, MY FRIEND ...
CREAK

YOUR STRENGTH HAS MADE ME STRONGER.
I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU, JUGO.



...I'LL BE BACK...
KLUNK

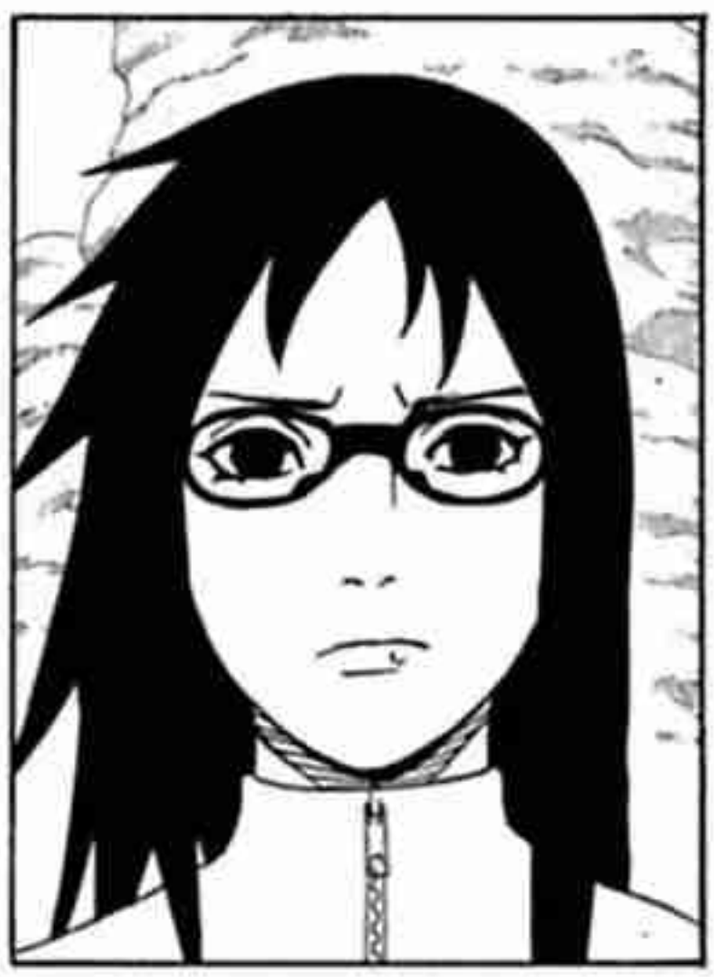
KLACK

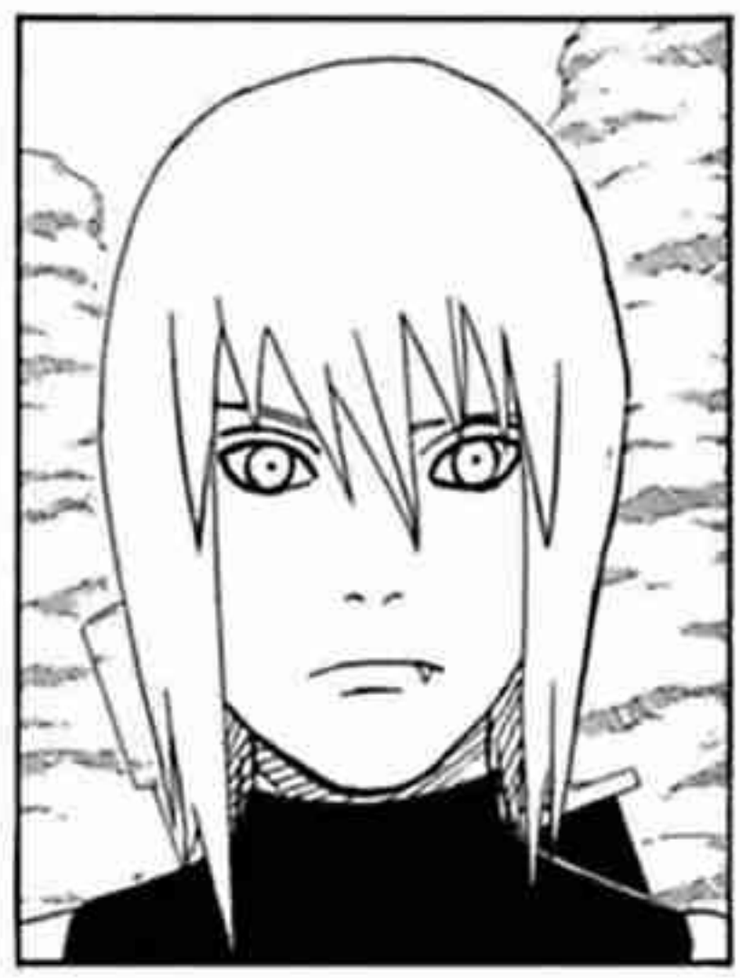
CREAK...

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, EH, KIMIMARO?

...HERE'S MY PLAN...

NOW THAT I'VE GATHERED MY DREAM TEAM...





I WANT YOUR HELP.
MY GOAL IS TO KILL AKATSUKI MEMBER UCHIHA ITACHI.

BUT FIRST... KARIN...
...YOU SAID YOU HAD SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF... WHAT IS IT?

THOUGHT SO...

LIKE IT'S ANY BIG SECRET YOU JUST WANT TO BE AROUND SASUKE...

SHEESH, KARIN! CAN YOU JUST BE HONEST FOR ONCE??

R-RIGHT... NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S NOT REALLY THAT URGENT...

IT'S SO OBVI-OUS.

THERE, BULL'S-EYE!

THAT'S WHY YOU START STUT-TERING.

I-I DON'T KNOW WHO'S SPREADING SUCH SCUR-RILOUS LIES, BUT, UH...

...WHERE WAS I?!!

TAP

TH-THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL!!!

!!

THAT LONG AGO, YOU...

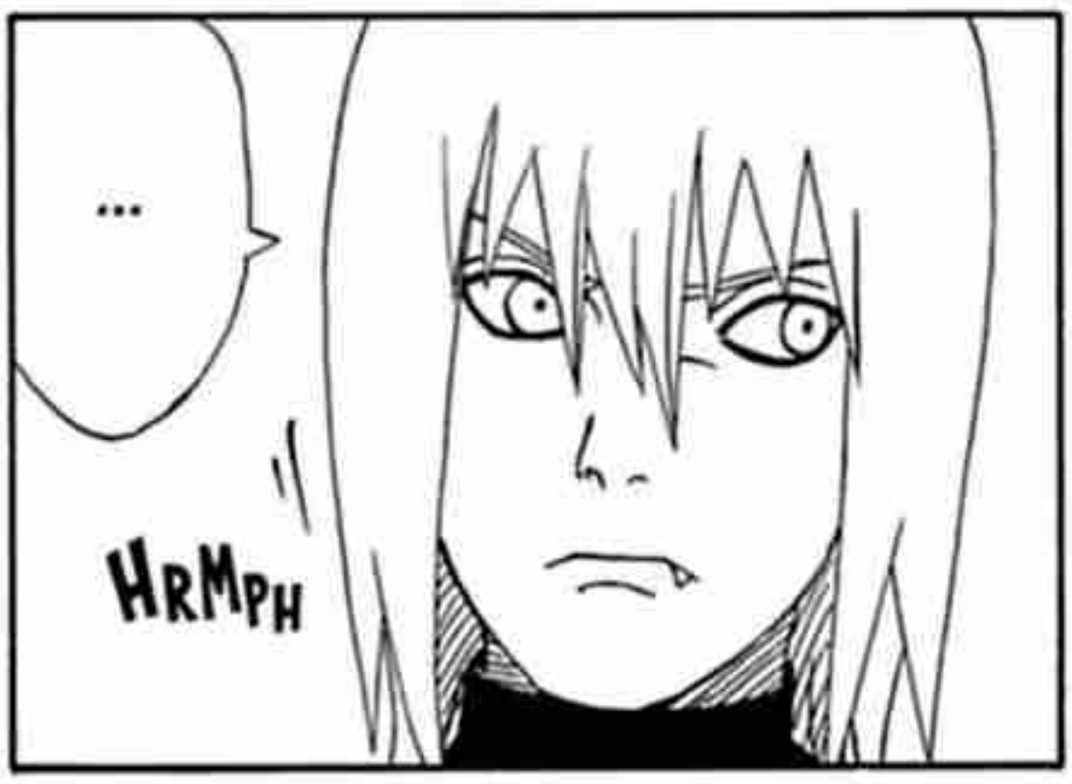
I KNOW THE TRUTH, YOU KNOW...

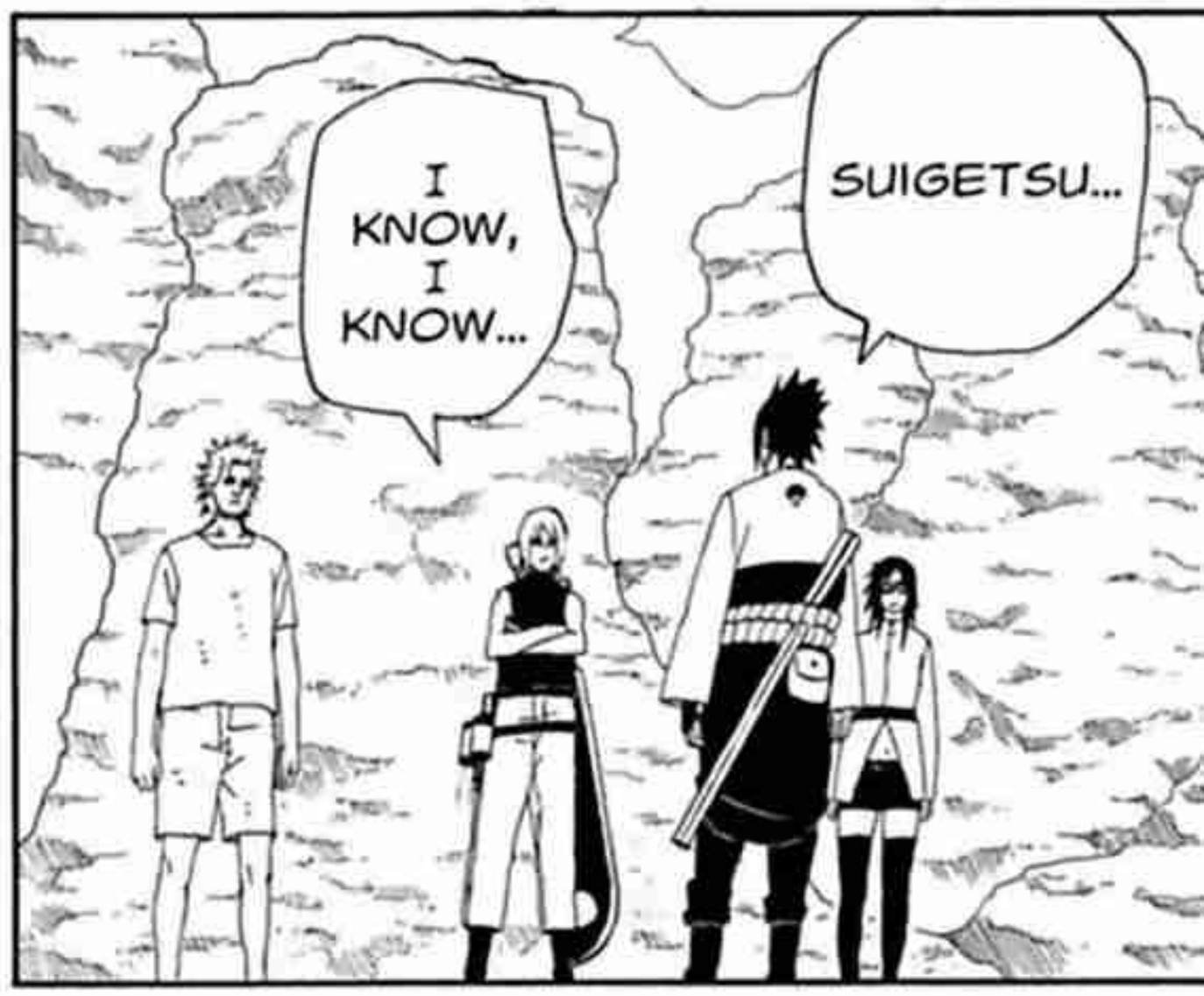
SLAP!

SPLATTER!

...ONE OF THE SEVEN KIRIGAKURE BLADES, THE GIANT SWORD OF UCHIHA ITACHI'S SIDEKICK, HOSHIGAKI KISAME.

AT LEAST UNTIL I OBTAIN SAMEHADA ...

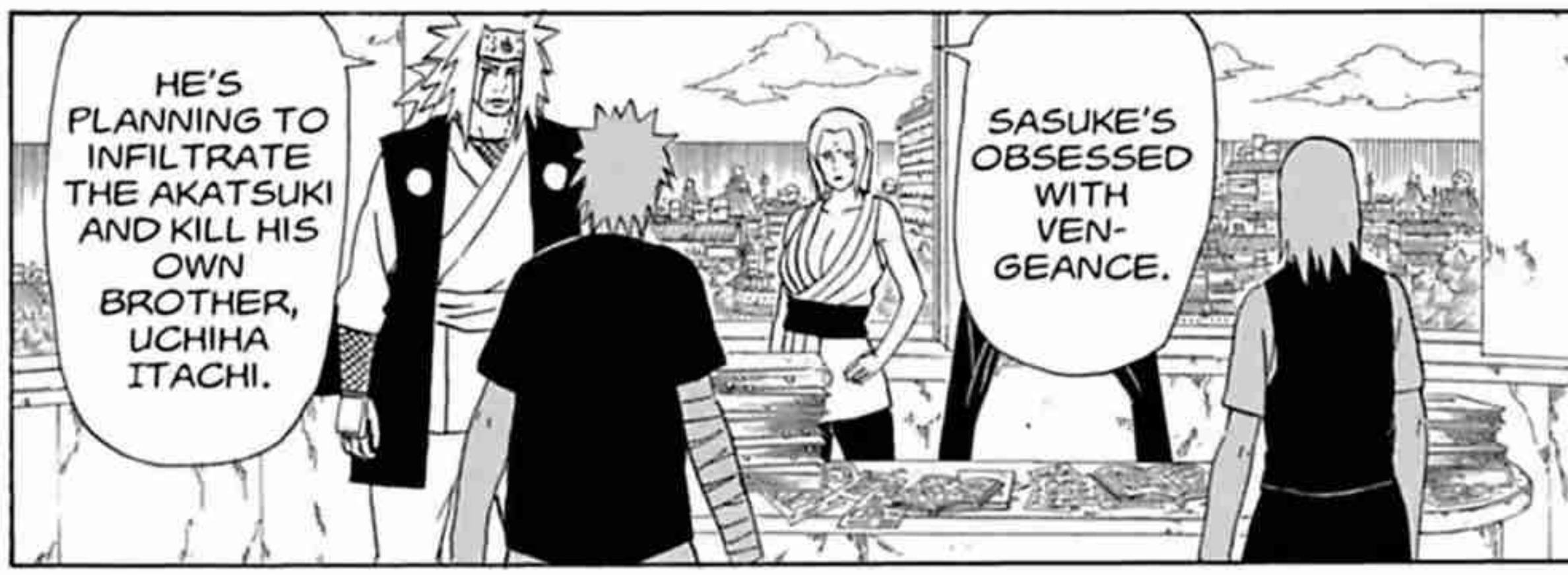




READ THIS WAY
KIMIMARO SAID SASUKE WAS LIKE HIS REINCARNATION...
...AND SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO PROTECT HIM...
I WANT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF SHINOBI YOU REALLY ARE.
THEN IT'S DECIDED.

OROCHI-MARU'S GONE, SO WHY WOULDN'T HE COME HOME?
WHY NOT?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!


HE'S PLANNING TO INFILTRATE THE AKATSUKI AND KILL HIS OWN BROTHER, UCHIHA ITACHI.
SASUKE'S OBSESSED WITH VEN-GEANCE.

FROM HERE ON OUT, WE MOVE TOGETHER.

GRRR!
THAT IDIOT! HE'S STILL...?

...THE HEBI.

AND OUR CELL SHALL BE KNOWN AS...

...WE'LL DEFINITELY RUN INTO SASUKE EVENTUALLY!

IF WE HUNT DOWN THAT AKATSUKI MEMBER FIRST...

YEAH ...

HEY, I KNOW! LET'S FORM A CELL AND GET OUT THERE TOO!

OPERATION TRACK AKATSUKI IS STILL GOING ON, RIGHT?!

IN OTHER WORDS, OUR TARGET IS...

AS I SAID, THE HEBI HAS ONLY ONE GOAL...

ITACHI!

UCHIHA

FWOOSH...

MORE LIKE A STORM TO ME...

LOOKS LIKE RAIN.

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE...

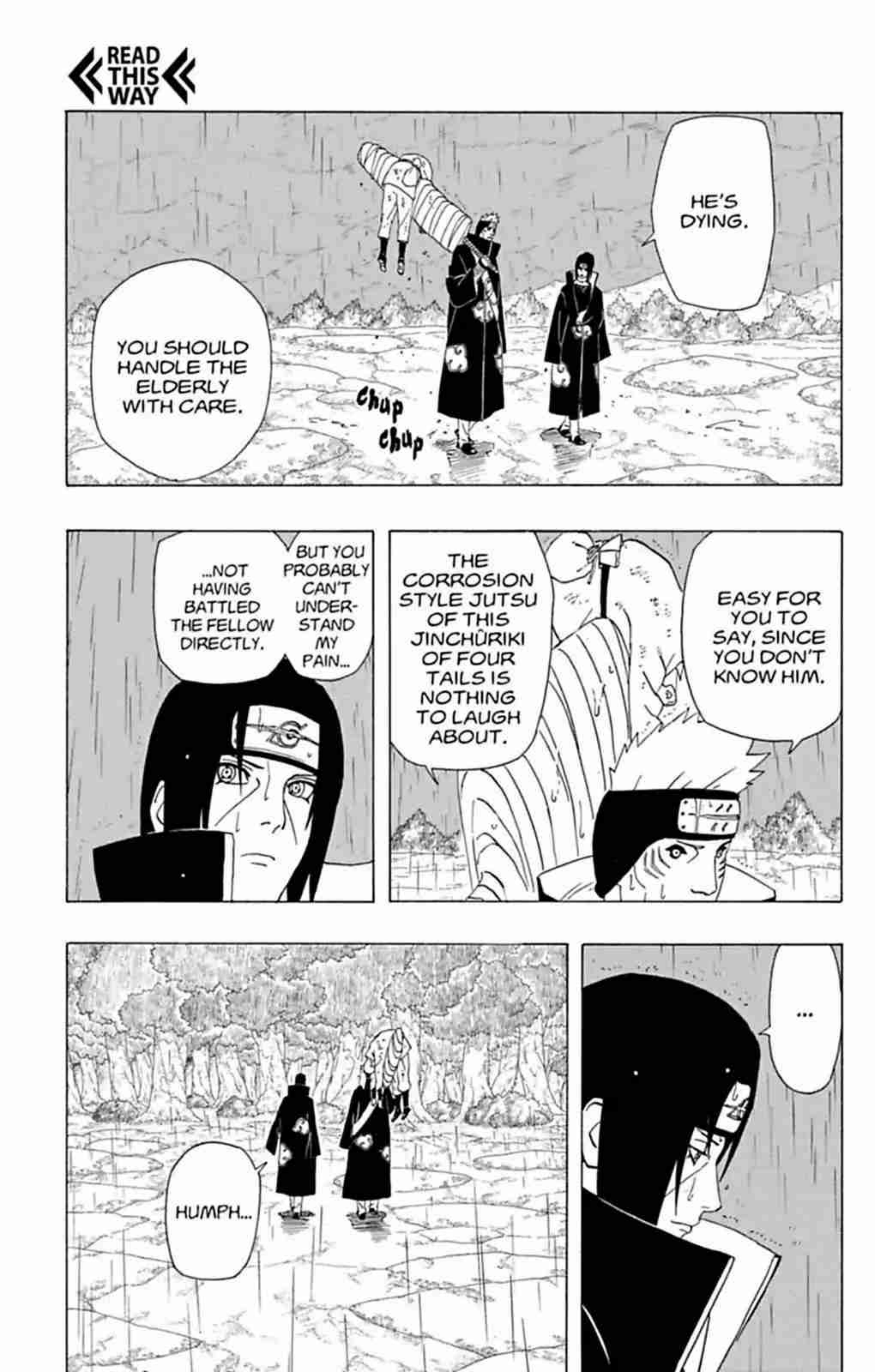
NARUTO

Number 353: The Akatsuki Assembles...!!

SHUP...

SHFF

Number 353: The Akatsuki Assembles...!!


READ THIS WAY
HE'S DYING.
YOU SHOULD HANDLE THE ELDERLY WITH CARE.
Chup Chup
...NOT HAVING BATTLED THE FELLOW DIRECTLY.
BUT YOU PROBABLY CAN'T UNDER-STAND MY PAIN...
THE CORROSION STYLE JUTSU OF THIS JINCHÛRIKI OF FOUR TAILS IS NOTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT.
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, SINCE YOU DON'T KNOW HIM.
HUMPH...
...

SHALL I TAKE CARE OF YOUR *OBJECTIVE* FOR YOU ALSO?

WELL, I GUESS I WAS THE ONE WHO INSISTED ON GOING ALONE.

SETTLE DOWN, KISAME.

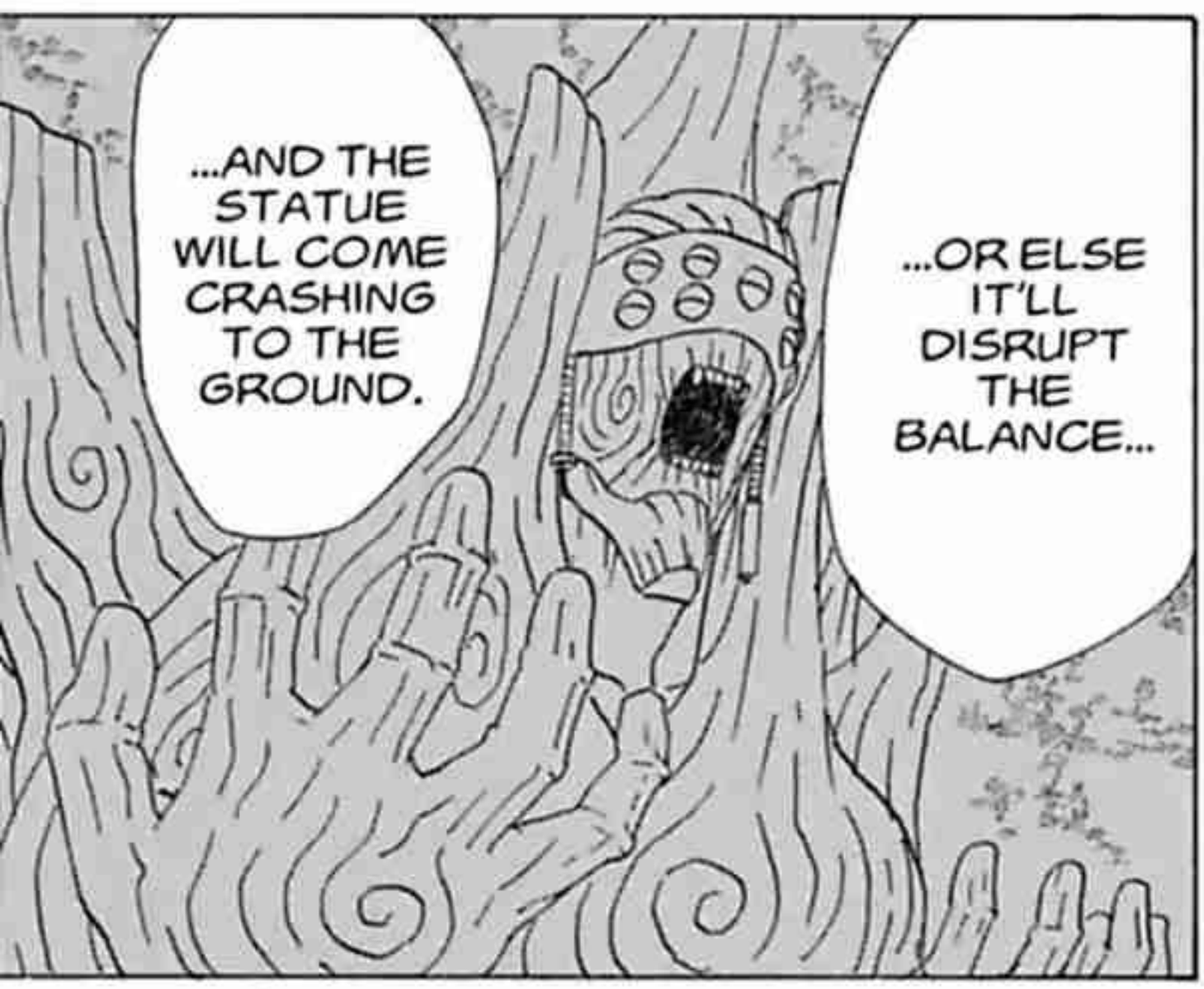
OTHER-WISE, IT'S LIKELY TO BE A WHILE.

THERE'S NO RUSH... REST RIGHT NOW.

SORRY, I'M A LITTLE TIRED.

I JUST WANT TO GET THESE HUNTS OVER WITH AND GET SOME REST.

I WONDER ABOUT THAT...
THERE ARE ONLY A FEW LEFT, NO?


...AND THE STATUE WILL COME CRASHING TO THE GROUND.
...OR ELSE IT'LL DISRUPT THE BALANCE...

OUR LEADER SAID THAT WE HAVE TO SEAL NINE TAILS AWAY LAST...

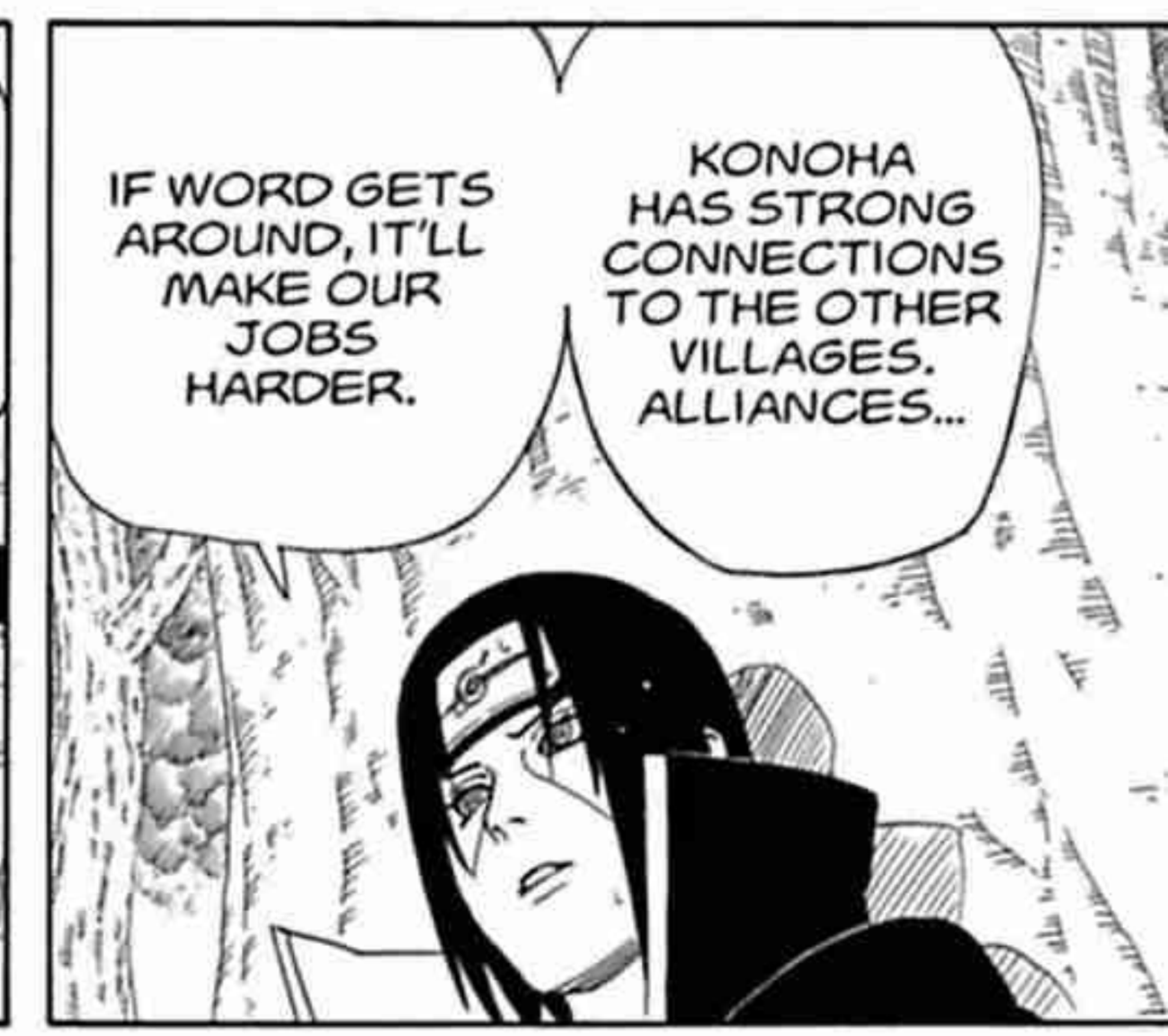
SCRUNCH

...SO WHY CAN'T WE TRAP HIM NOW AND JUST KEEP HIM IM-PRISONED?
WE HAVE TO CAPTURE THE JINCHÛRIKI ALIVE ANYWAY...
NNNH

BUT DEIDARA FAILED AT IT...

...SO IF WE'RE SEALING HIM AWAY LAST, THEN MIGHT AS WELL HUNT HIM LAST.

HEH... I ACTUALLY DON'T CARE EITHER WAY.



GOOD TIMING.

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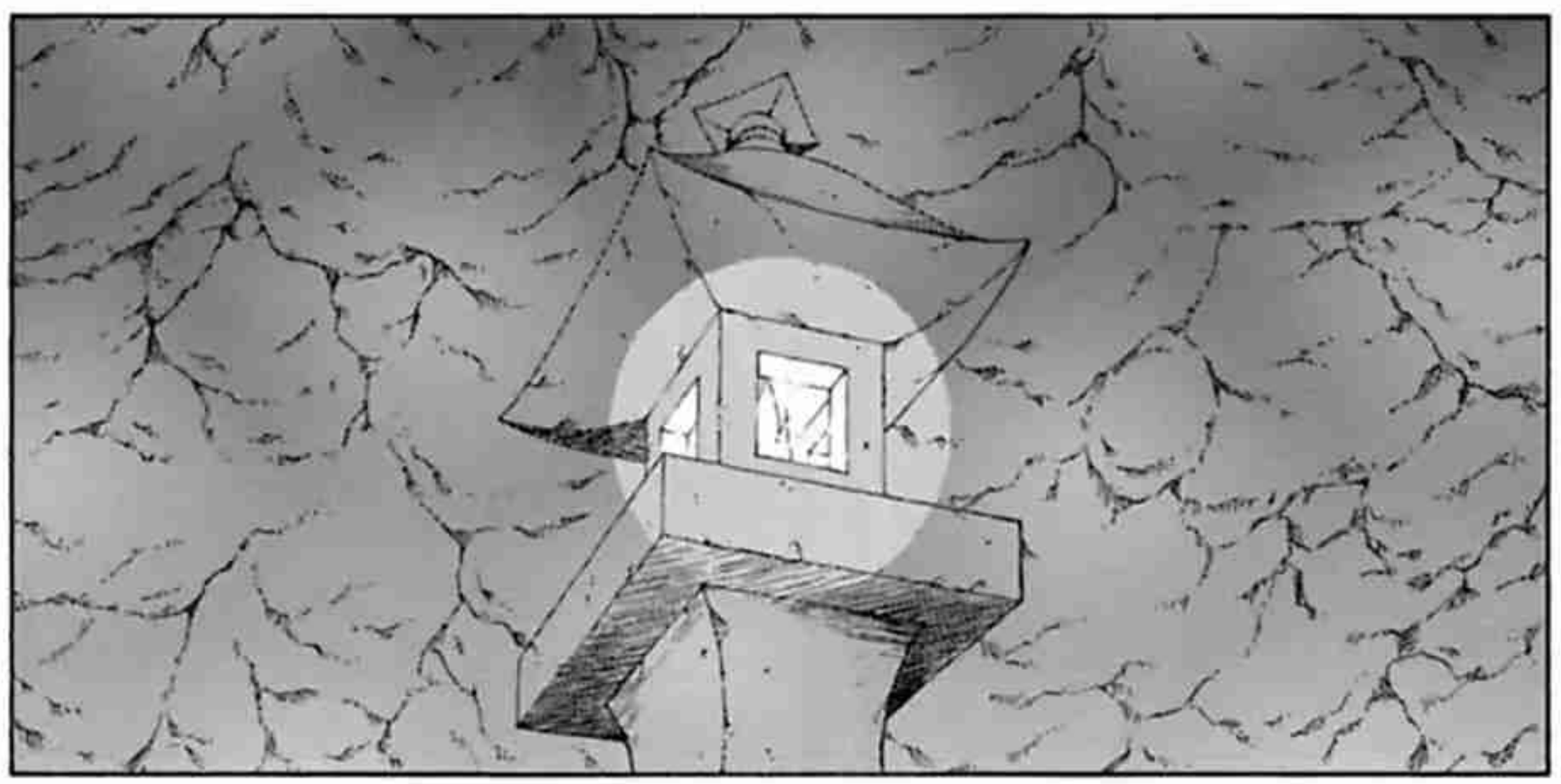
I SEE... IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...



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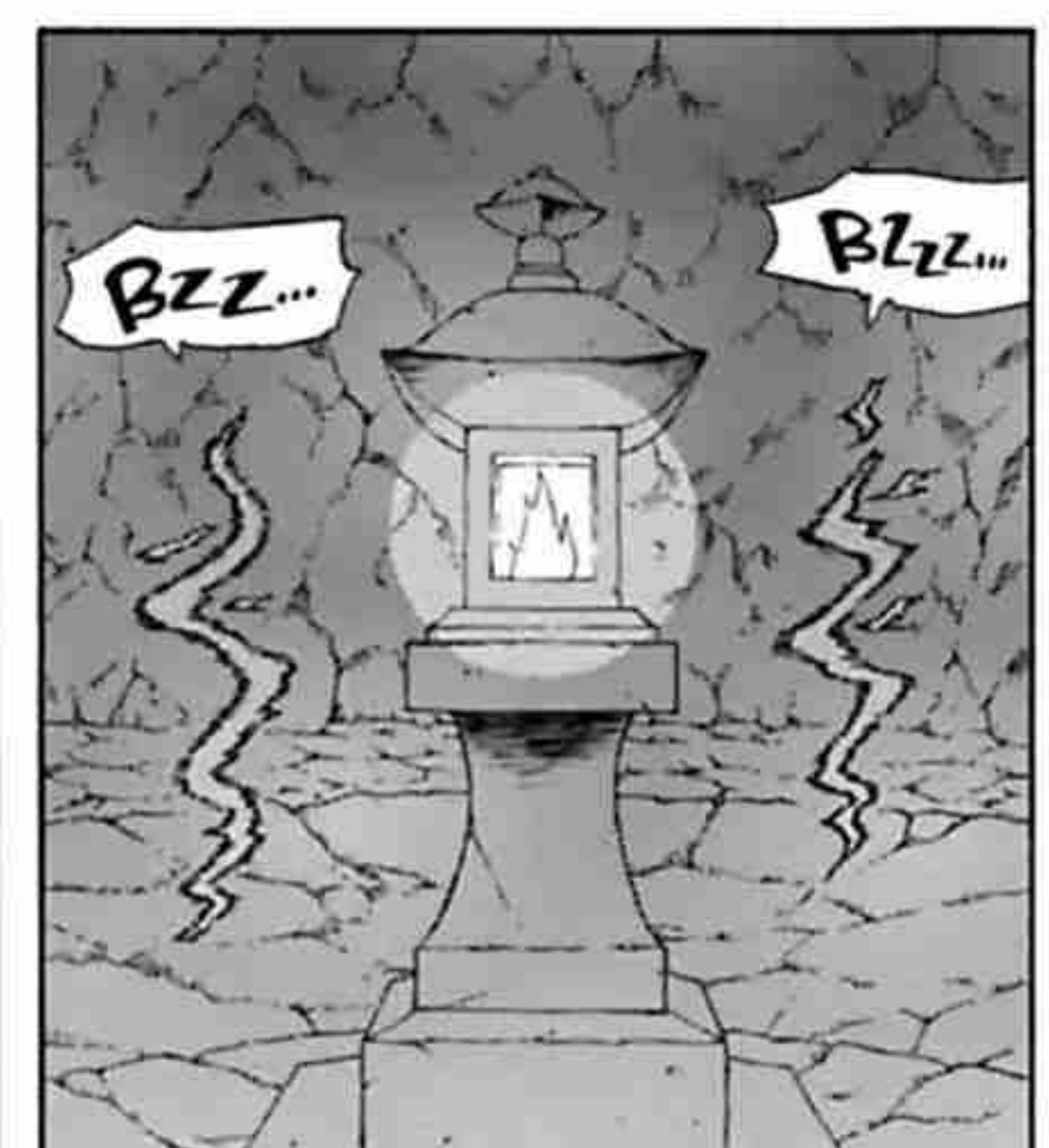
BZZZ


BZZ...
BZZZ...

YOU'RE LATE.

HMM?

WE'RE ALL HERE NOW.
...ALL RIGHT...

WE HAD TO TIE HIM UP AND MAKE SURE HE COULDN'T GET AWAY.
WE'D JUST CAPTURED A JINCHÛRIKI.

BUT I DON'T SEE HIDAN OR KAKUZU.

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE DEAD...

...SO WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO GO ABOUT IT...?
UCHIHA ITACHI, HUH...
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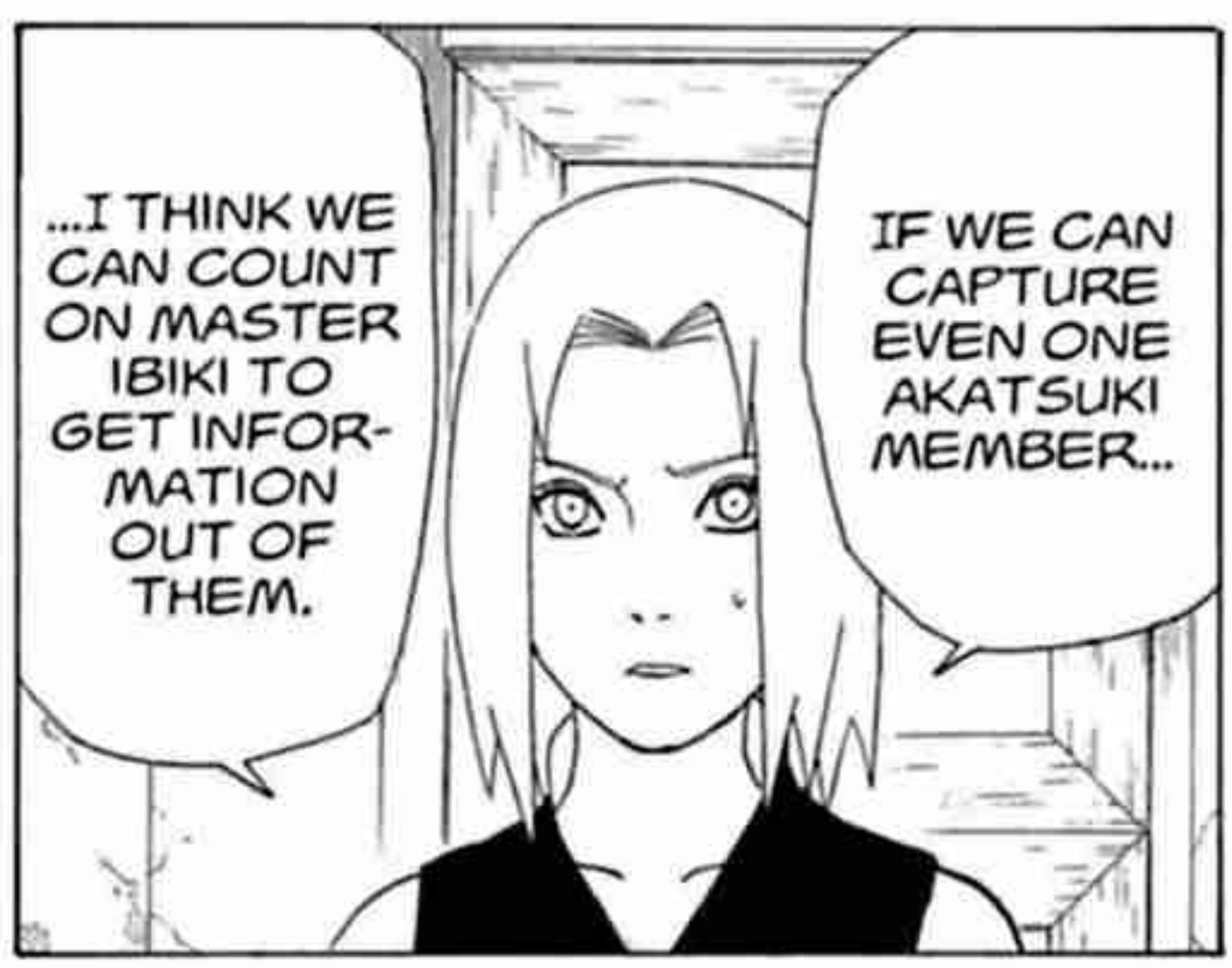
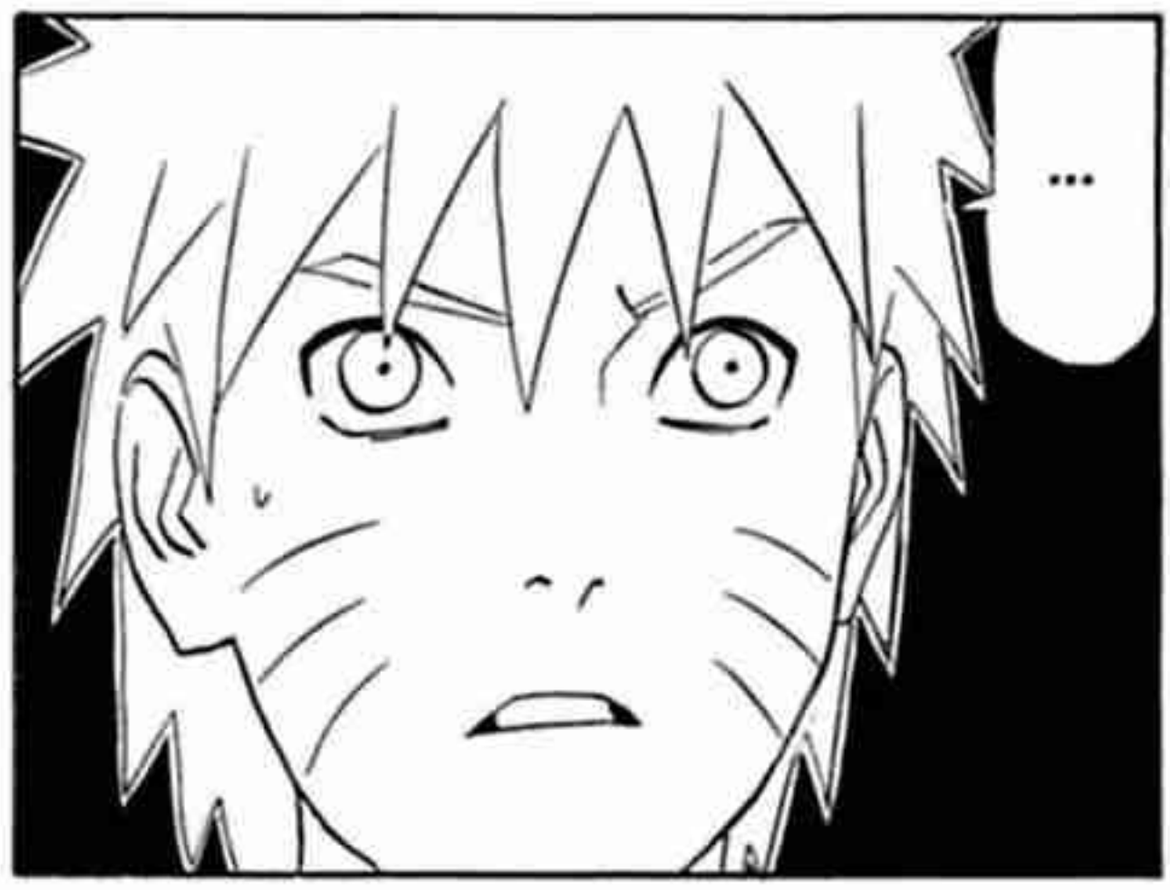
I'VE ALREADY GIVEN EACH SQUAD STANDING ORDERS TO TRY TO CAPTURE AKATSUKI MEMBERS AND BRING THEM IN, BUT...

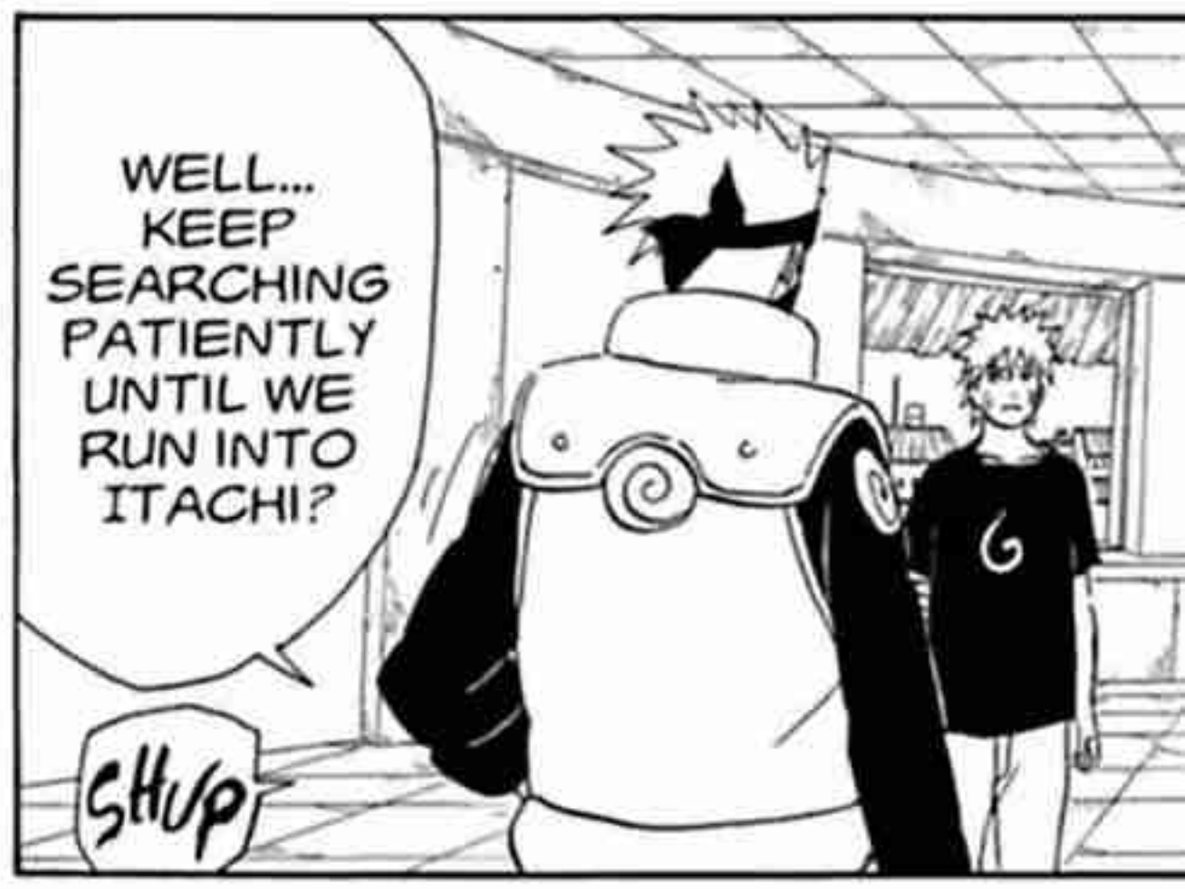

...I THINK WE CAN COUNT ON MASTER IBIKI TO GET INFOR-MATION OUT OF THEM.
IF WE CAN CAPTURE EVEN ONE AKATSUKI MEMBER...

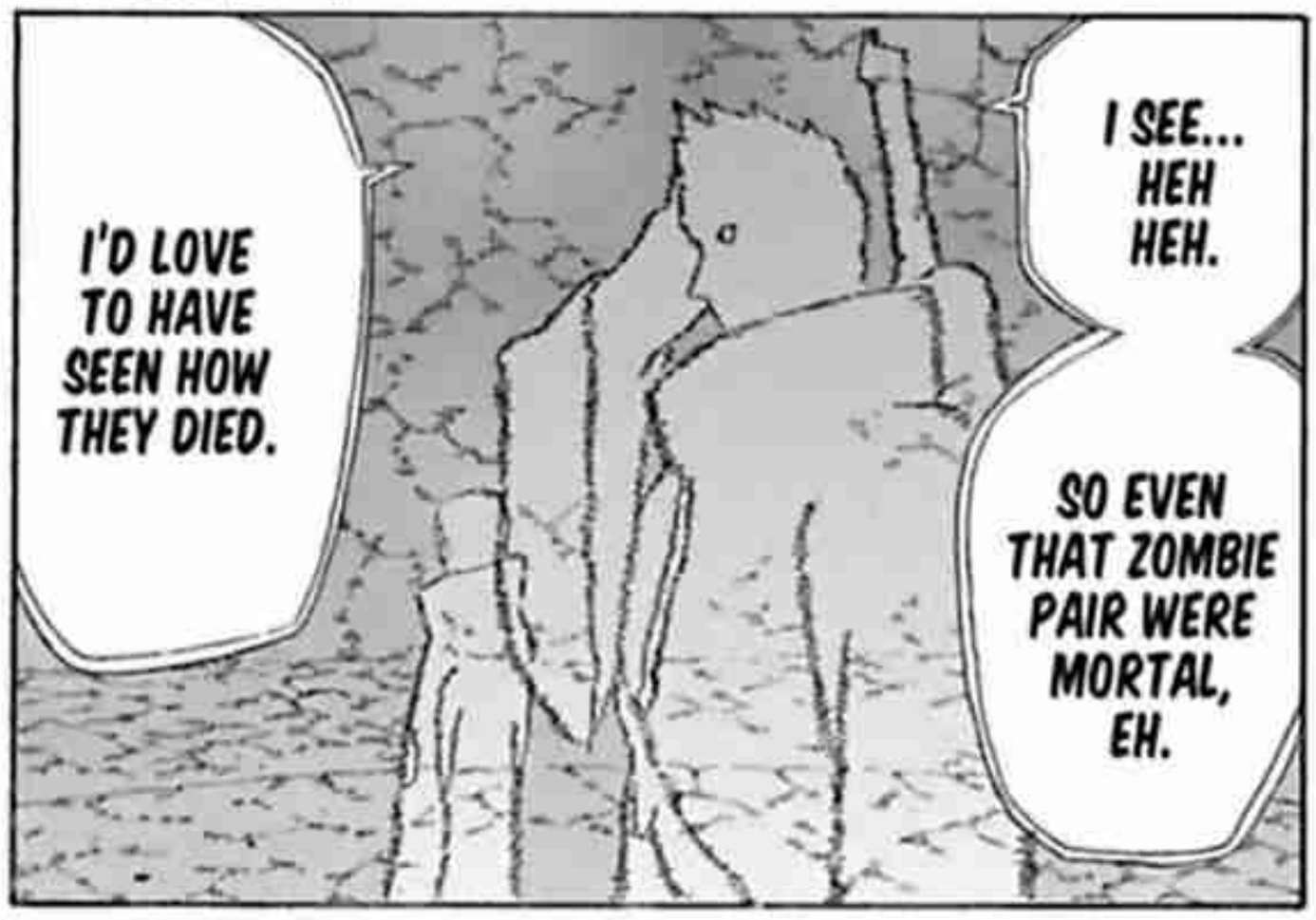
JUDGING FROM THE ONES WE'VE ENCOUNTERED SO FAR, IT'S BEEN TOO RISKY...

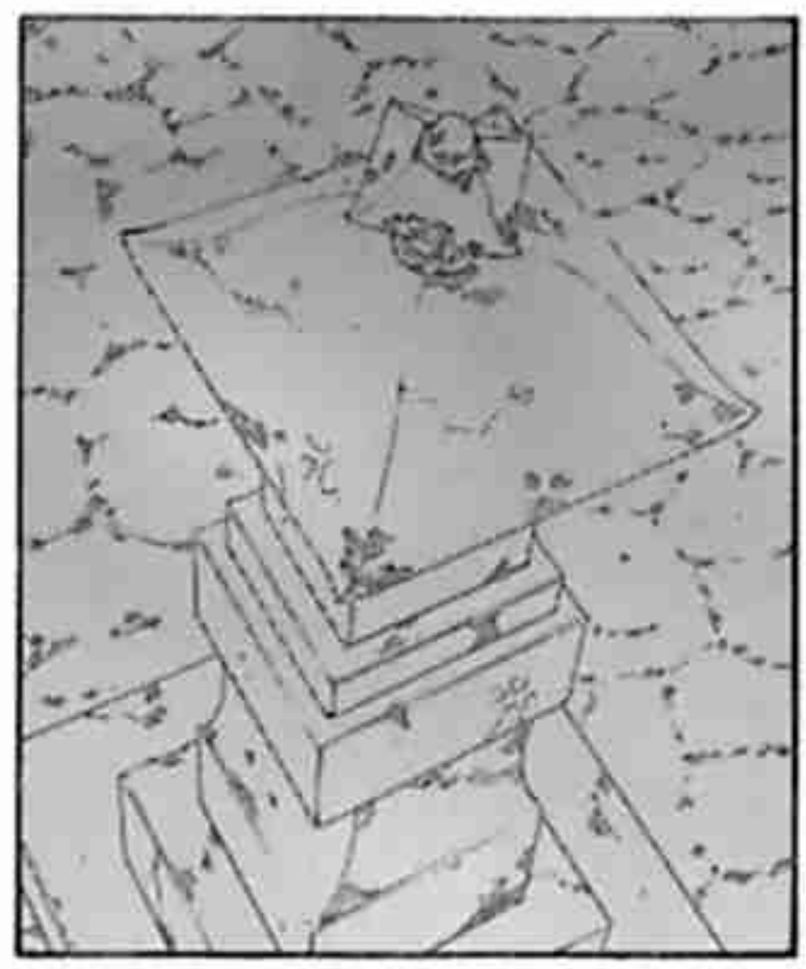
...TO TAKE THEM ALIVE OR INTACT.

THEY'RE NOT A LOOSE-LIPPED BUNCH, THAT'S FOR SURE...

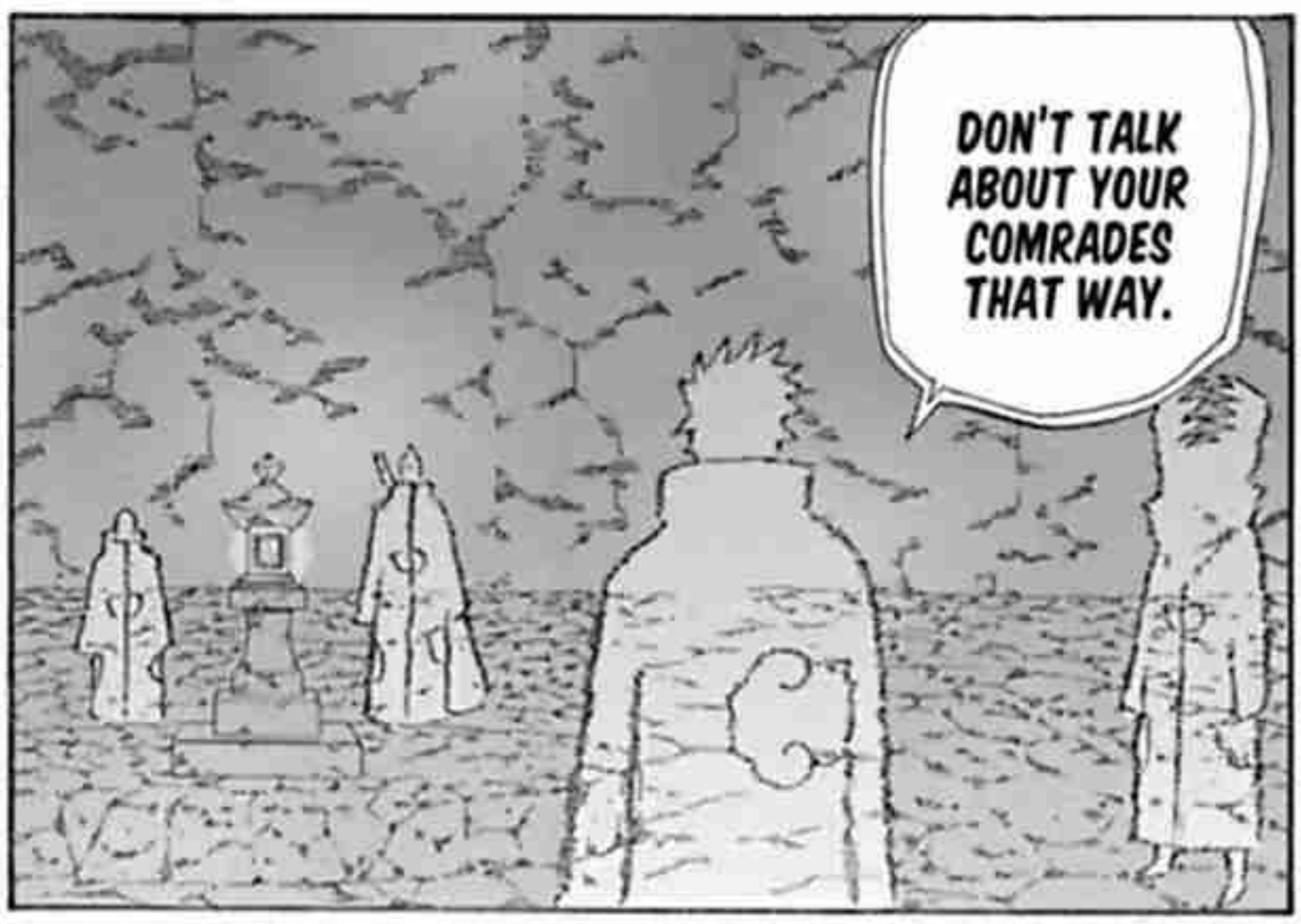




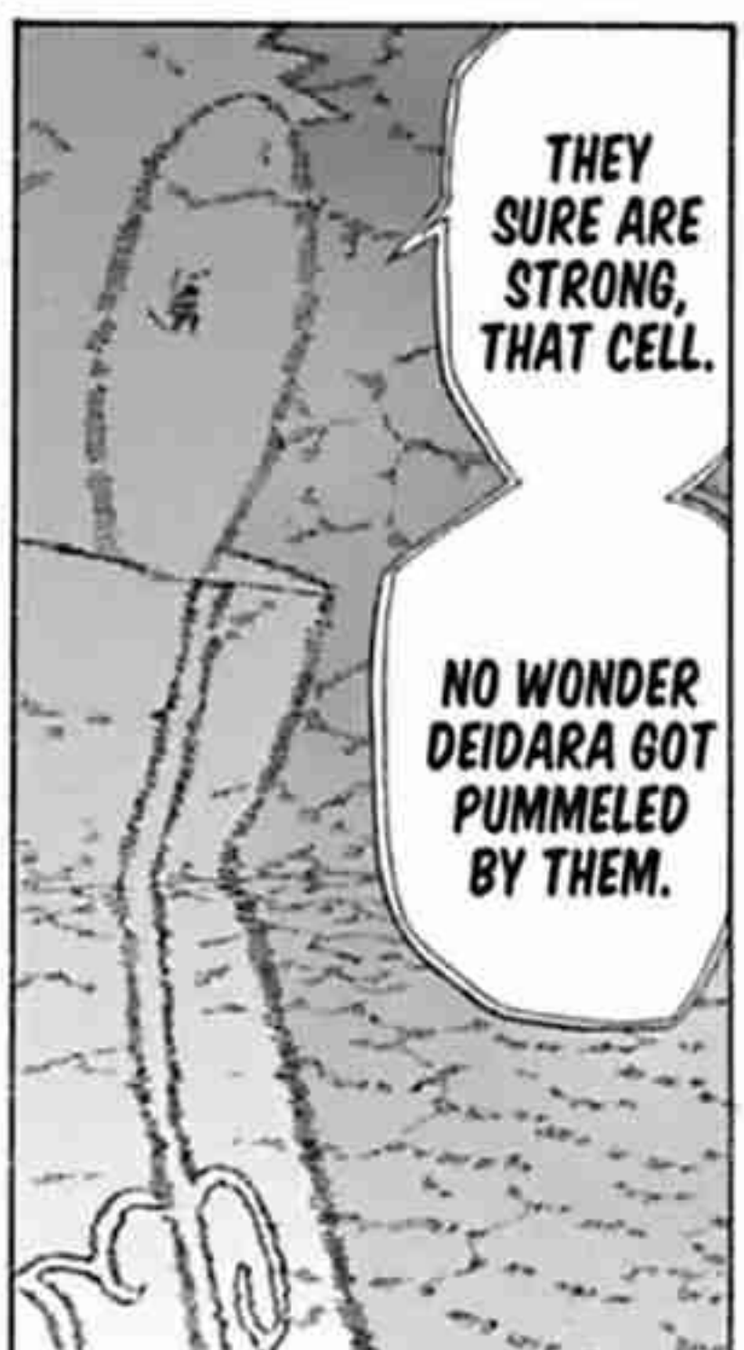

I'D LOVE TO HAVE SEEN HOW THEY DIED.
I SEE... HEH HEH.
SO EVEN THAT ZOMBIE PAIR WERE MORTAL, EH.



WHO DID IT?


DON'T TALK ABOUT YOUR COMRADES THAT WAY.

TOBI!!


THEY SURE ARE STRONG, THAT CELL.
NO WONDER DEIDARA GOT PUMMELED BY THEM.

KAKASHI AND THAT NINE TAILS' JINCHÛRIKI'S CELL AGAIN.
KONOHA NINJA.

SO TEMPERA-MENTAL.

YOUR LIMIT?

YOU MEAN YOU'LL GET EXPLOSIVE?

...YOU'LL PUSH ME TO MY LIMIT.

JUST KEEP RUNNING YOUR MOUTH...

CALM YOURSELF, DEIDARA. YOU'RE JUST PROVING TOBI RIGHT.

WHY, YOU UNCULTURED LITTLE... JUST YOU KEEP YAPPING...!

SORRY, SIR!

YES, SIR!

RESPECT YOUR SENIORS.

AND YOU, TOBI... YOU ALWAYS SAY TOO MUCH.

A-HA HA HA HA.

BAH...

...I'D LIKE TO GET FOUR TAILS SEALED RIGHT AWAY...
IN ANY CASE, MORE IMPORTANTLY...

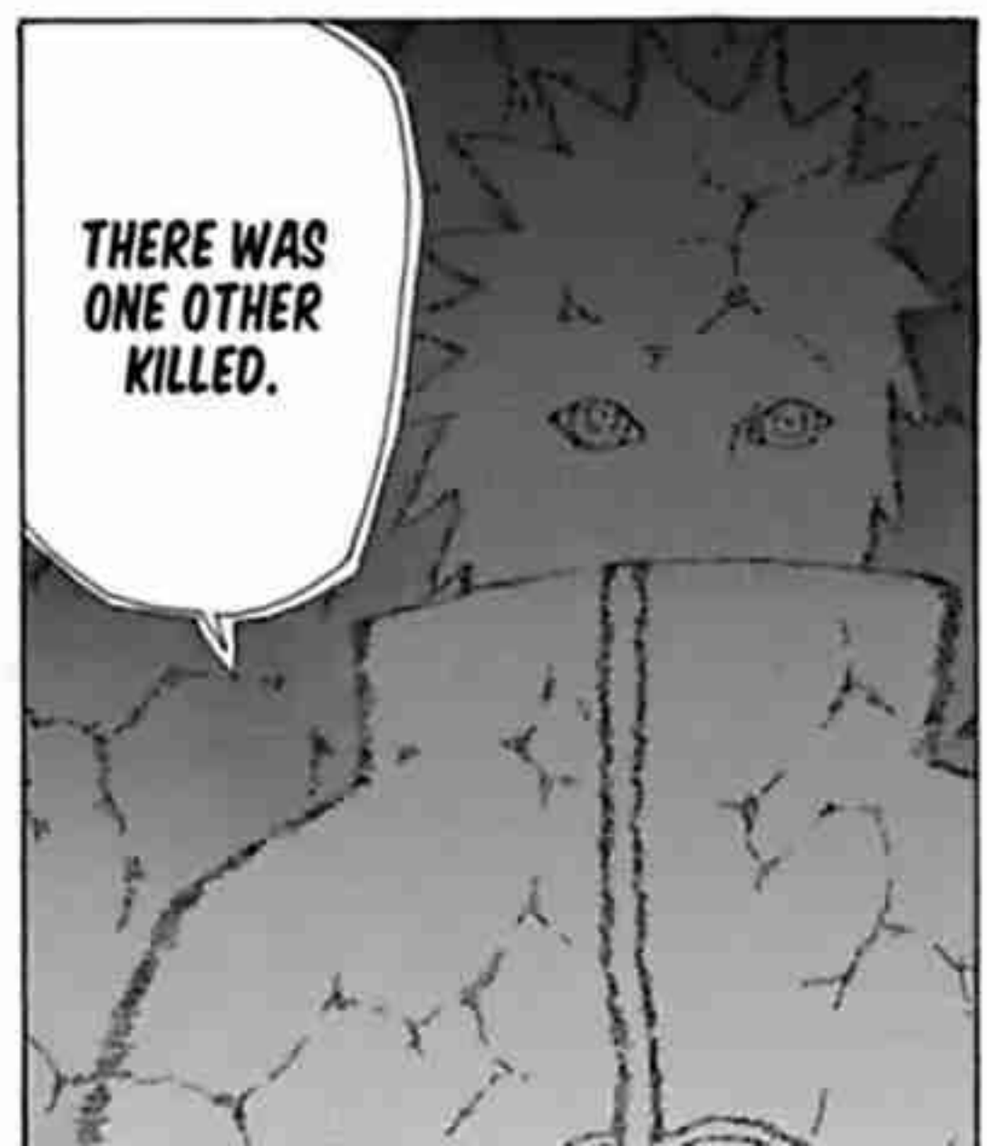
WELL...

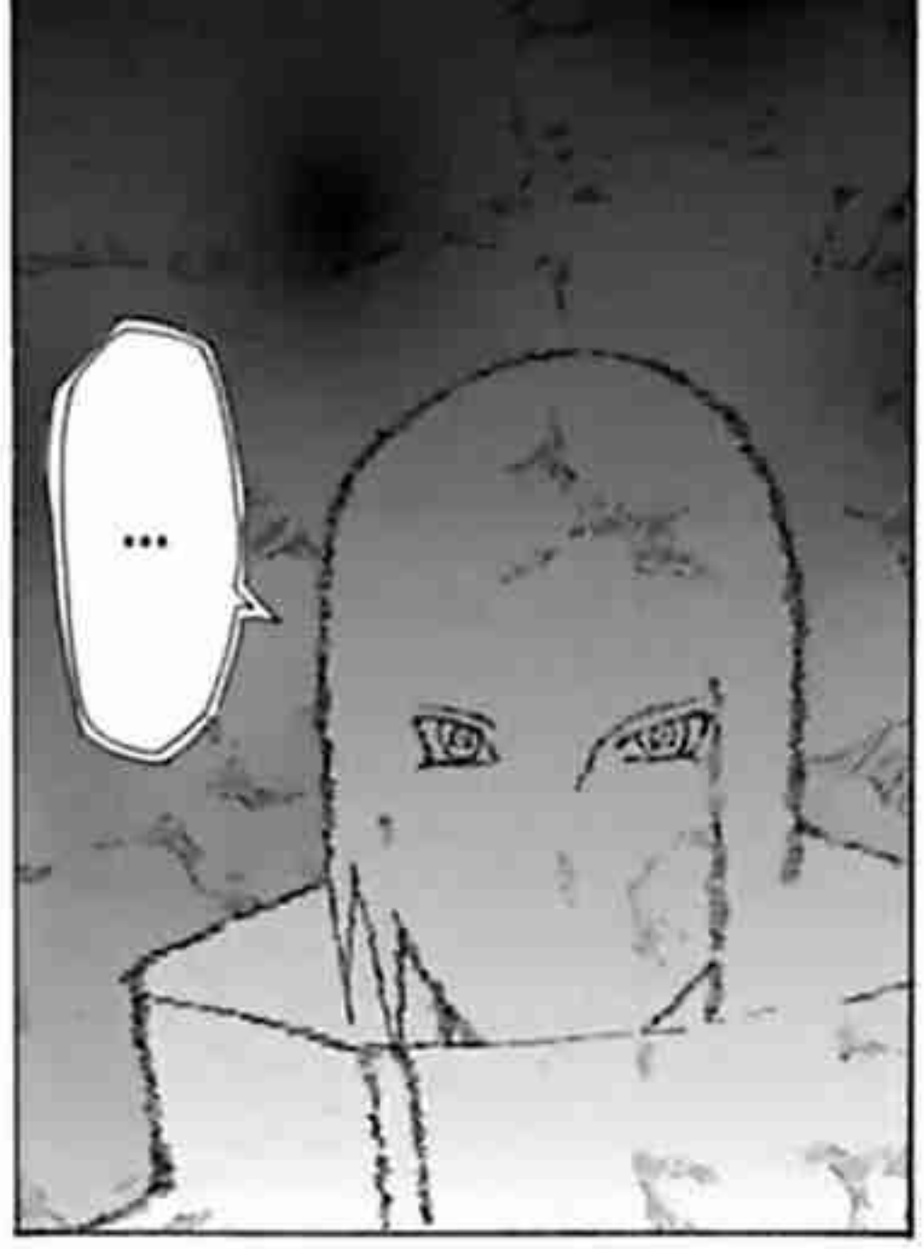
ARE WE REALLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO GATHER ALL THE JINCHÛRIKI LIKE THIS?!

WHAT IS IT?

HOLD UP... I'M NOT DONE YET.

...
ONE OTHER?


THERE WAS ONE OTHER KILLED.


...

OROCHI-MARU.

UCHIHA SASUKE.

IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE HE LEFT THE AKATSUKI... WELL, AT LEAST WE'VE BEEN SPARED THE TASK OF KILLING HIM OURSELVES.
WHO DID IT?
BUT PRETTY IMPRESSIVE WORK, TO HAVE TAKEN DOWN SOMEONE SO POWERFUL.

BUT I'D SWORN TO SLAUGHTER OROCHI-MARU... HMMM?

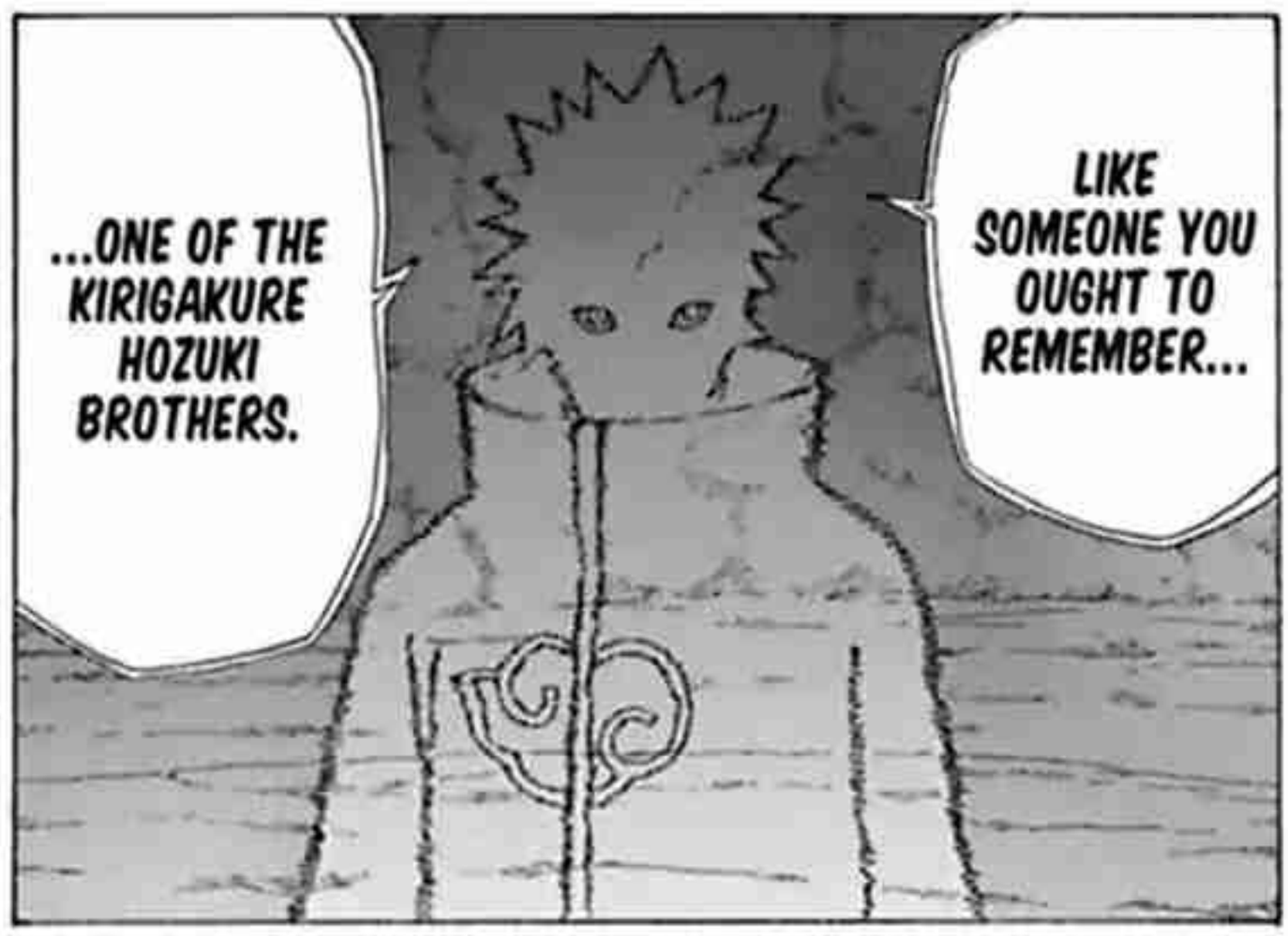
...

MEANING ?

TROUBLESOME SHINOBI, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM...
HE'S IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING TOGETHER A CELL OF HIS OWN.

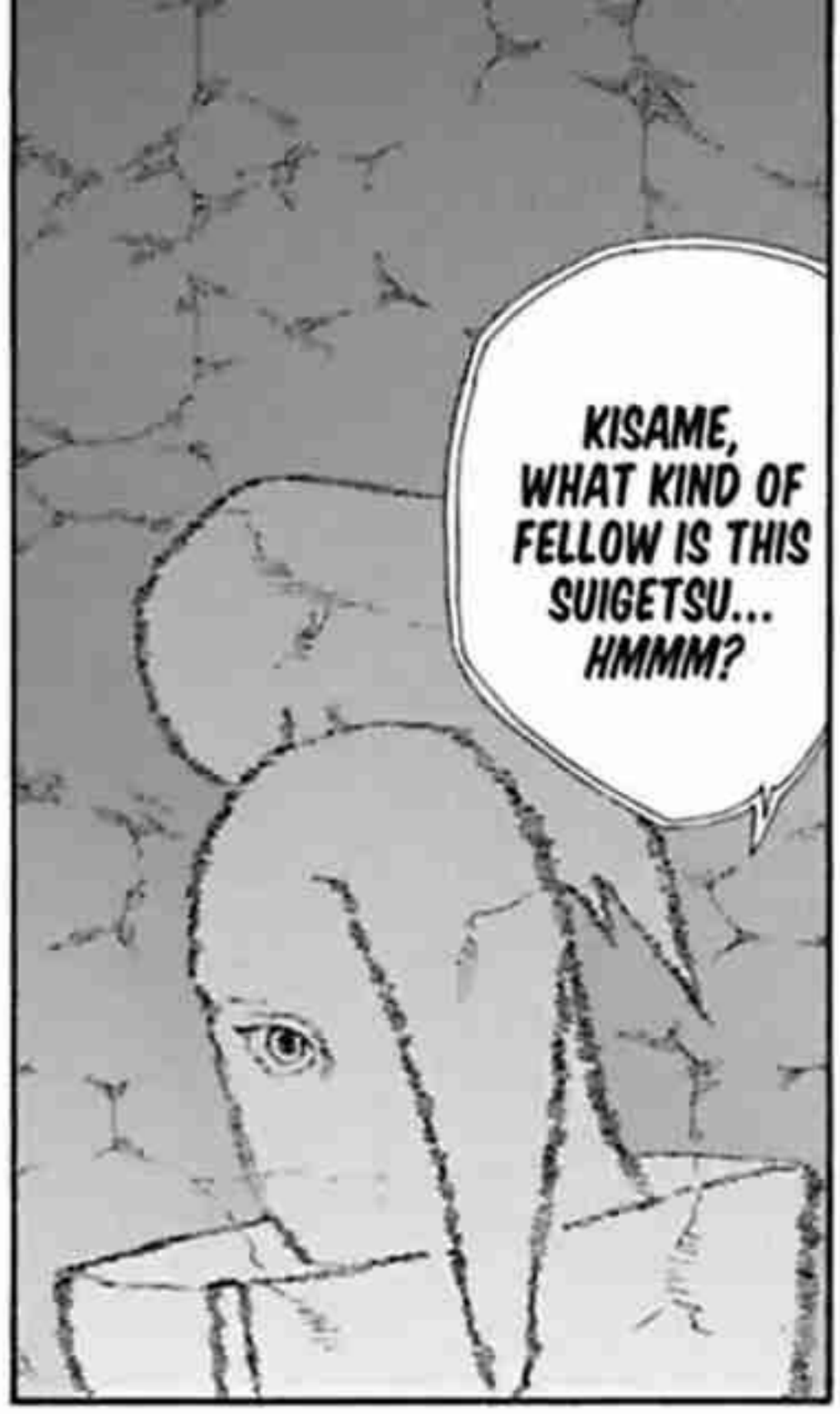
APPLE SURE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE.
HEH... ITACHI'S LITTLE BROTHER, EH.

THAT'S A NAME I HAVEN'T HEARD IN A WHILE.
...MUST BE SUIGETSU.

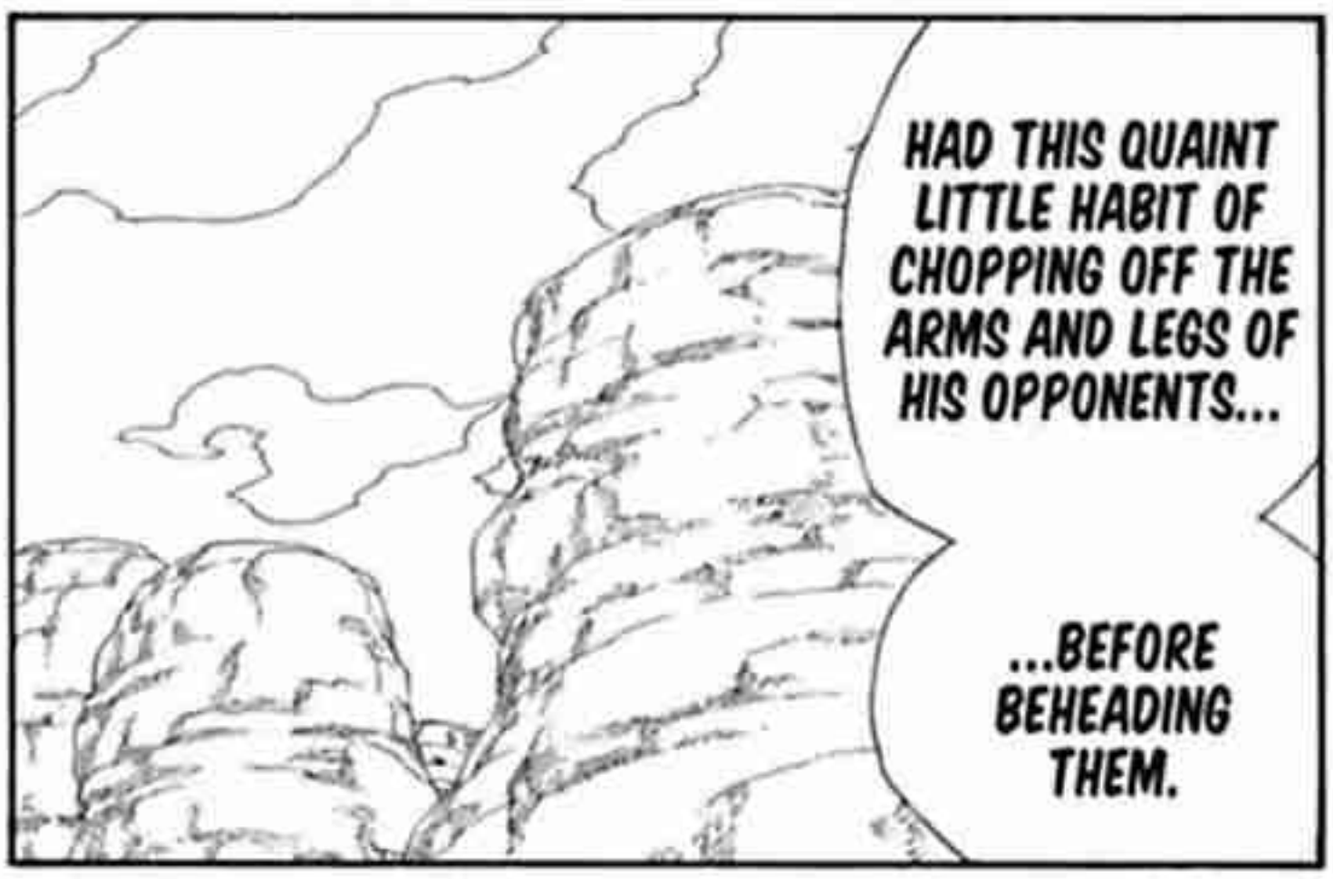

...ONE OF THE KIRIGAKURE HOZUKI BROTHERS.
LIKE SOMEONE YOU OUGHT TO REMEMBER...

...

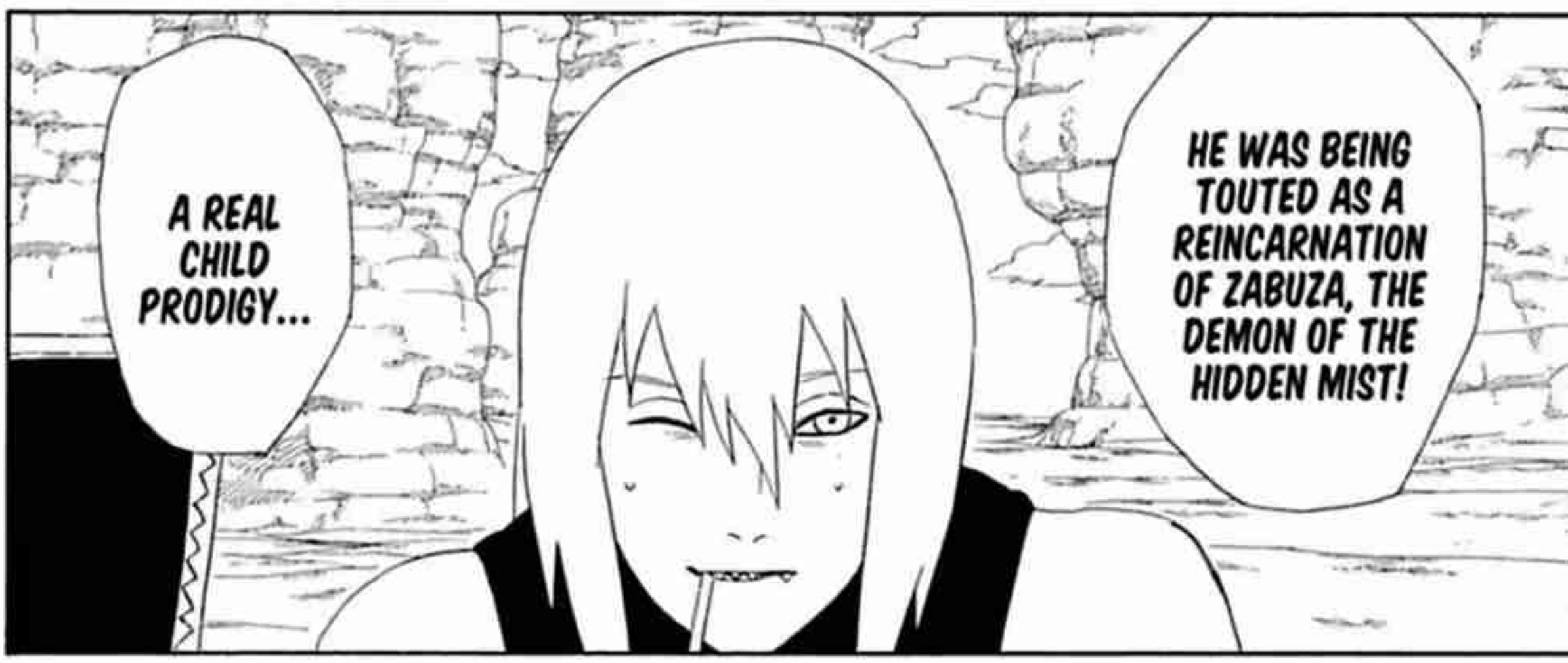
BE CAREFUL ITACHI, KISAME...
ODDS ARE, YOU'RE THEIR TARGETS.
AND BIPOLAR JUGO.

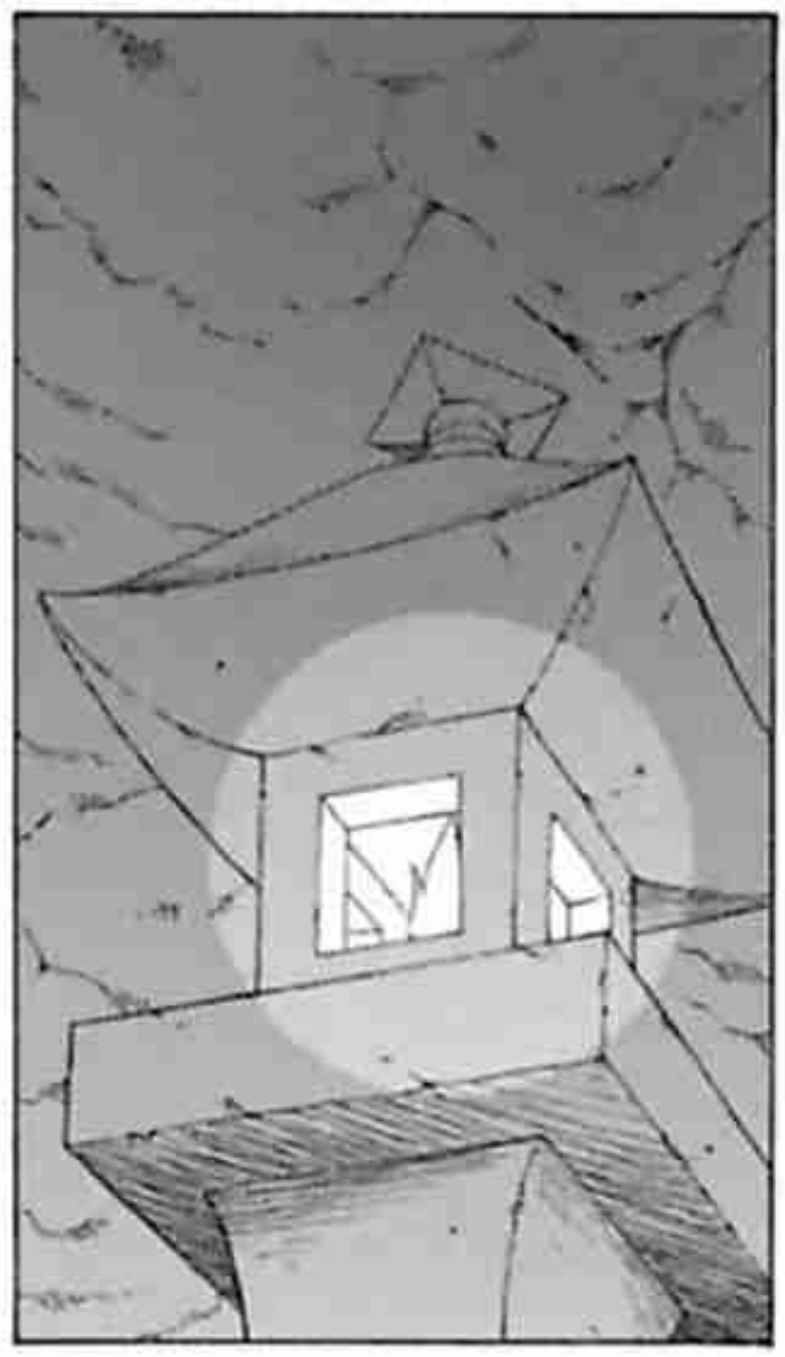

KISAME, WHAT KIND OF FELLOW IS THIS SUIGETSU... HMMM?

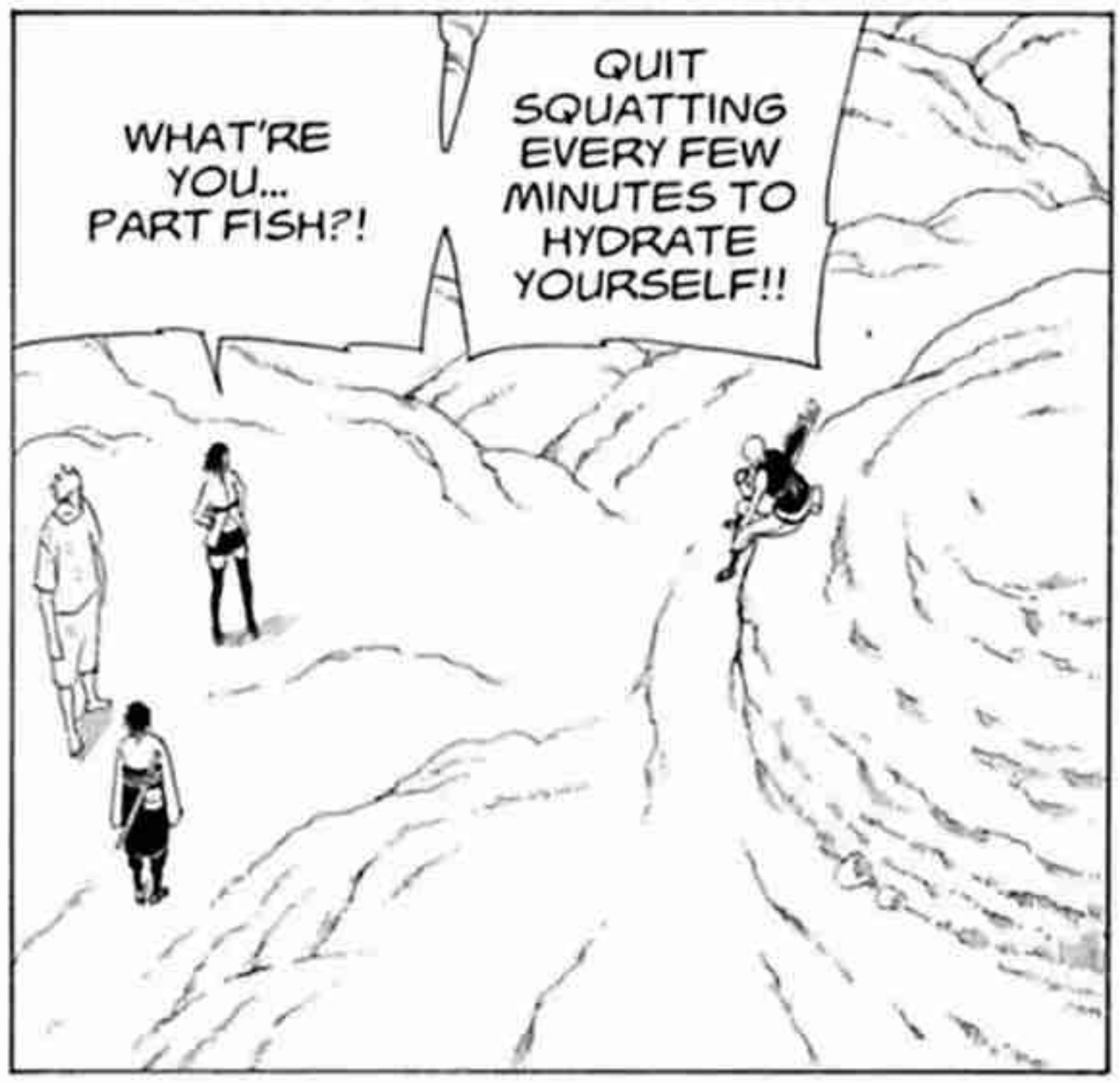
THEY MAY COME AFTER YOU TO GAIN INFORMATION ON ITACHI AND KISAME.
THE REST OF YOU KEEP UCHIHA SASUKE IN MIND AS WELL.

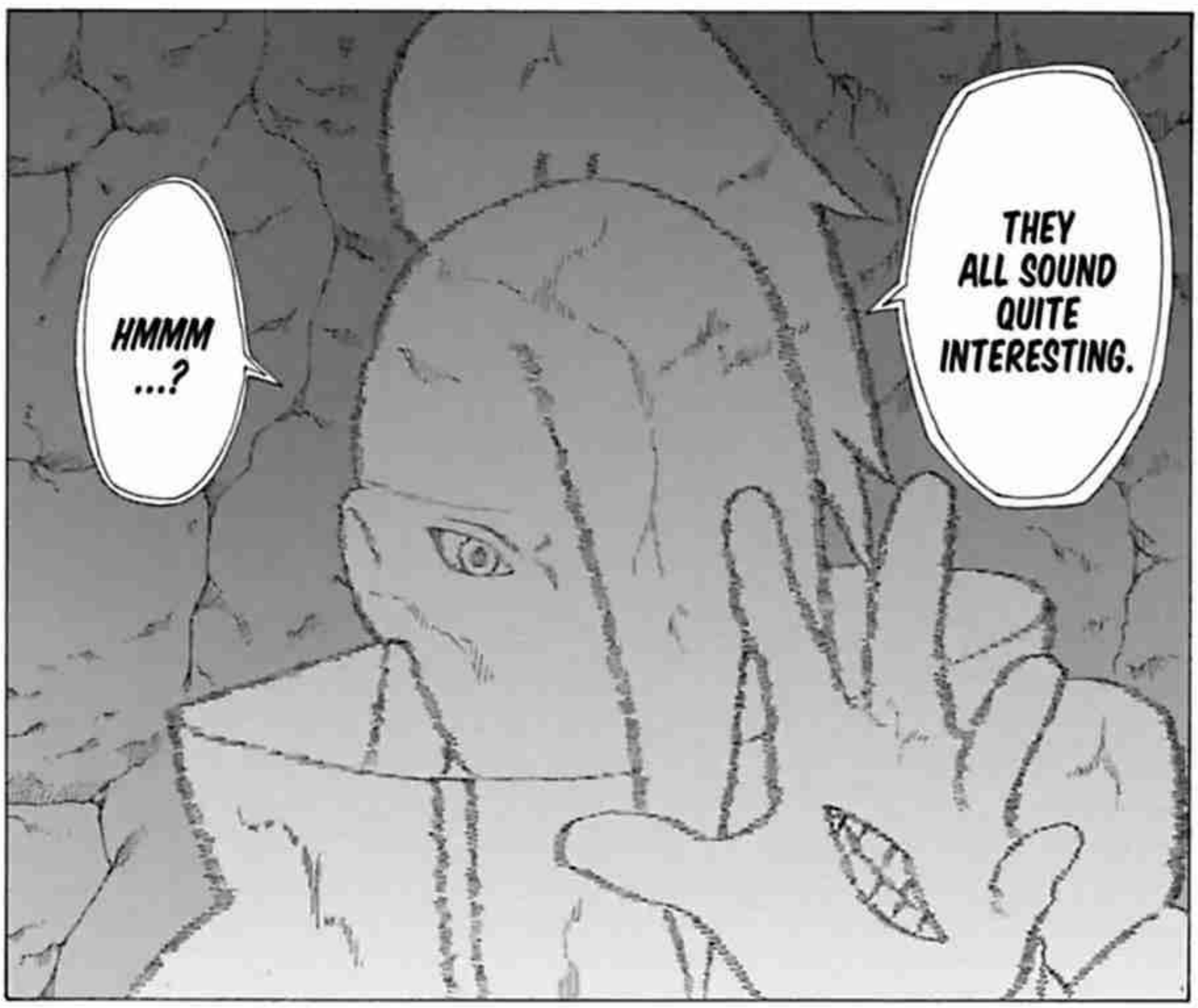

HAD THIS QUAINT LITTLE HABIT OF CHOPPING OFF THE ARMS AND LEGS OF HIS OPPONENTS...
...BEFORE BEHEADING THEM.

IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS...
...
...HE WAS A CUTE LITTLE KID, ALWAYS SMILING...


A REAL CHILD PRODIGY...
HE WAS BEING TOUTED AS A REINCARNATION OF ZABUZA, THE DEMON OF THE HIDDEN MIST!



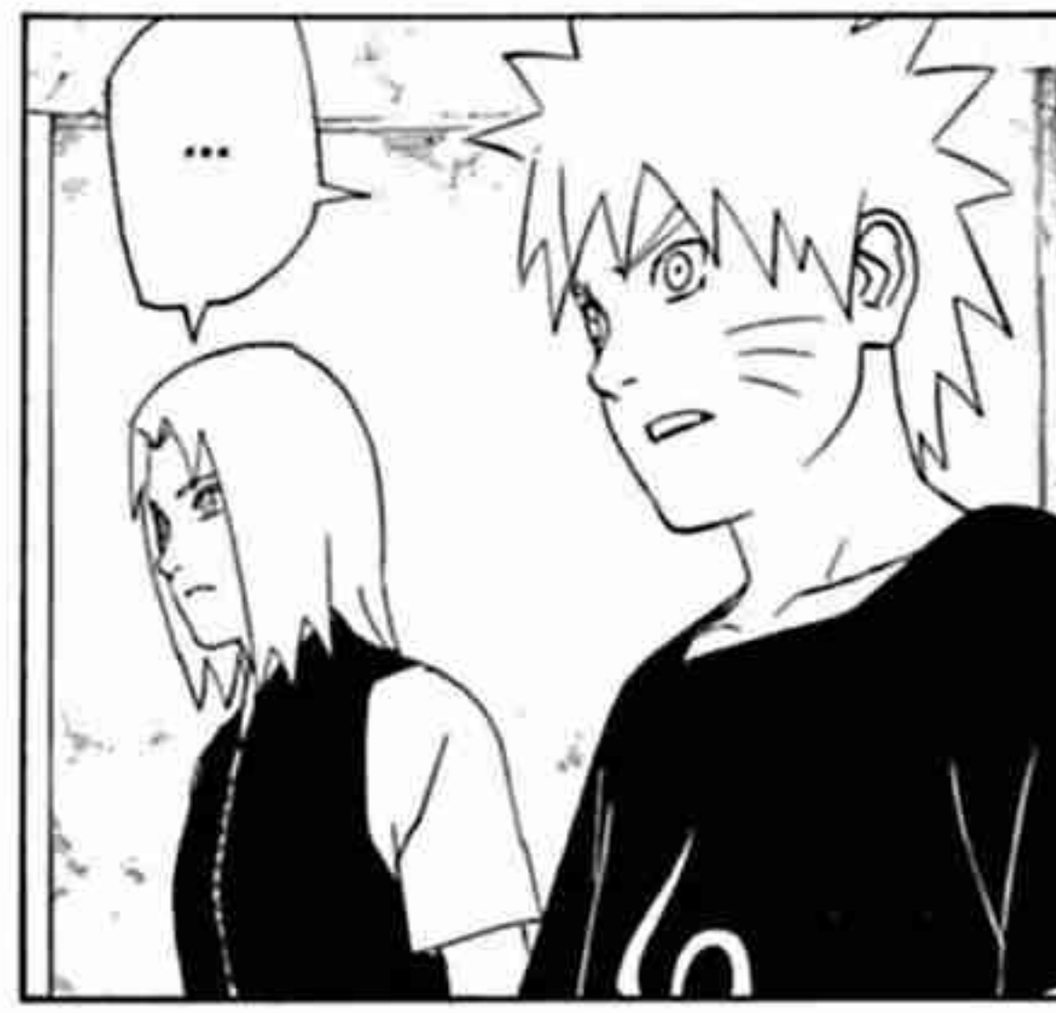

WHAT'RE YOU... PART FISH?!
QUIT SQUATTING EVERY FEW MINUTES TO HYDRATE YOURSELF!!

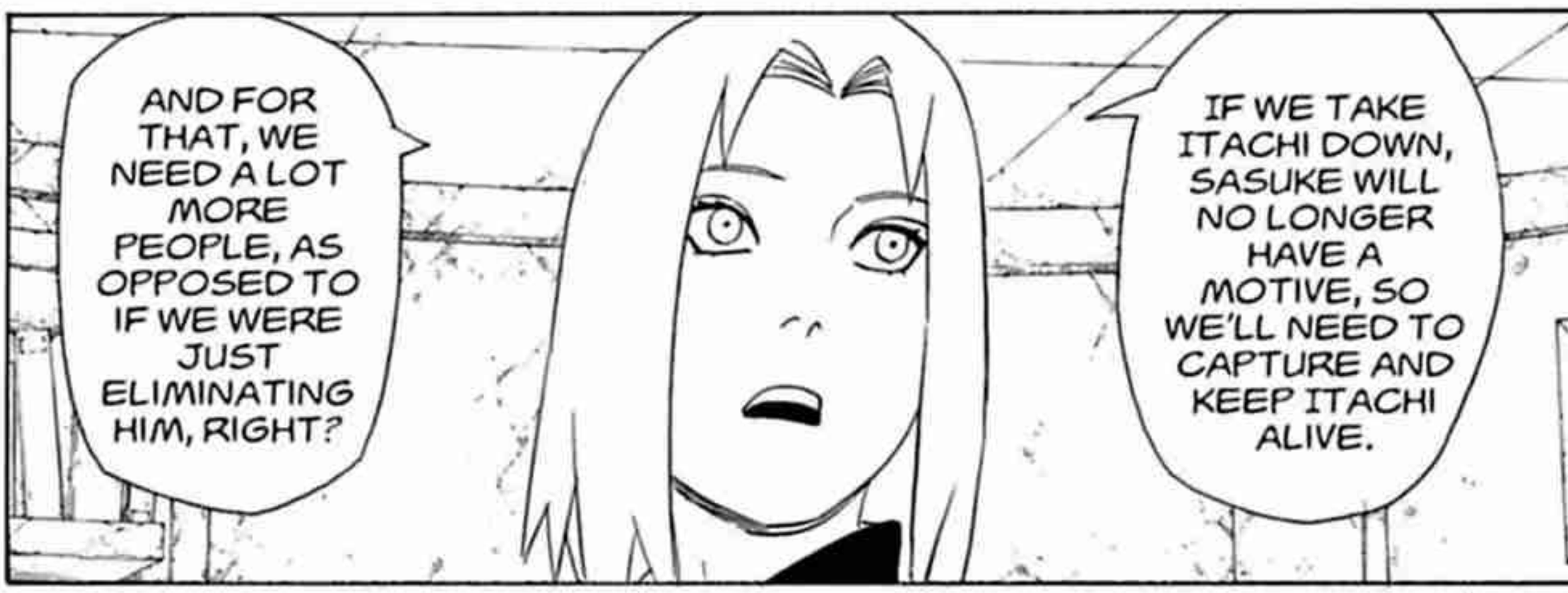

HMMM ...?
THEY ALL SOUND QUITE INTERESTING.

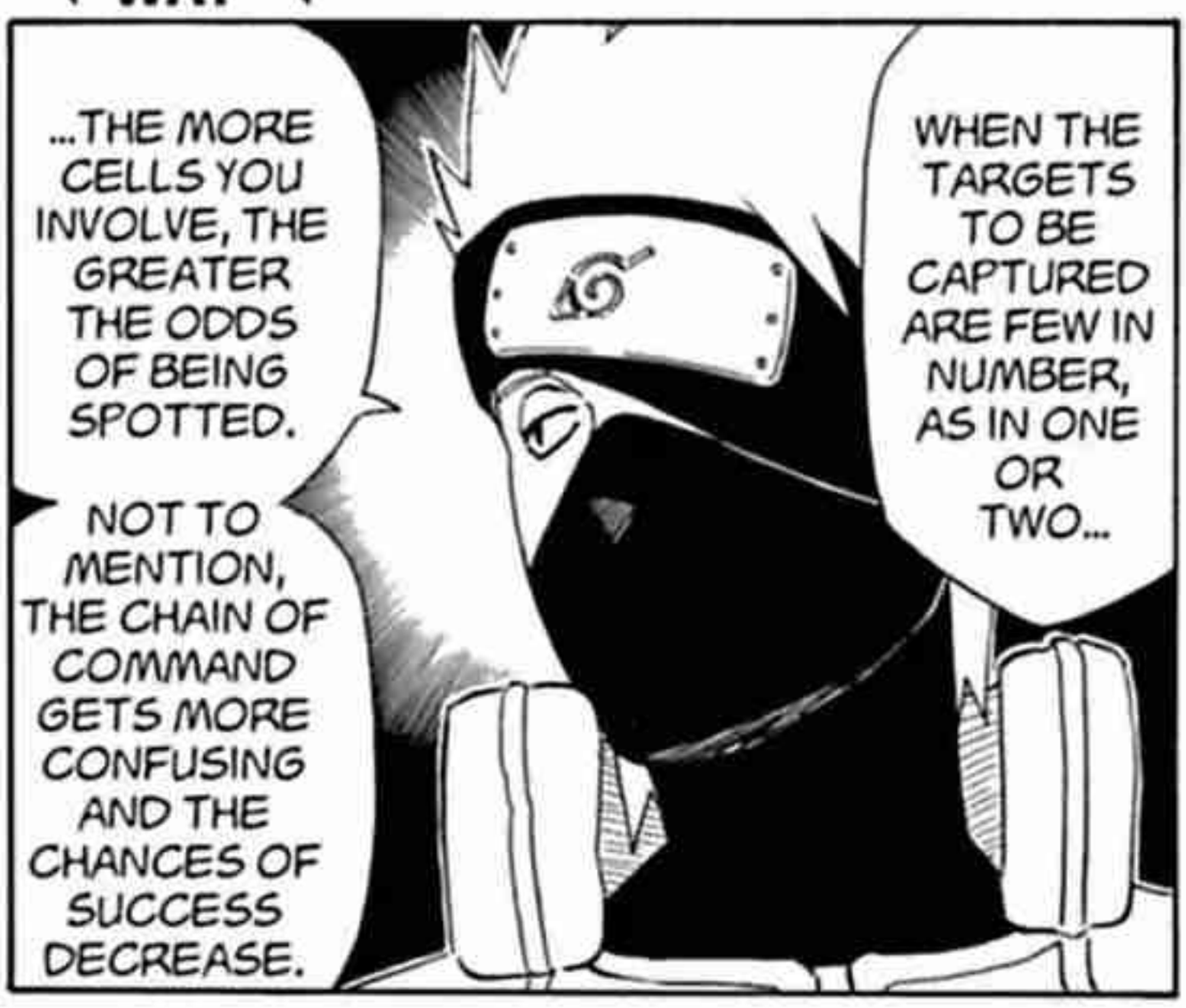
Number 354: On the Move

AND WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN YOU FIND THE ELDER UCHIHA BROTHER?

HUNT ITACHI... TO CATCH SASUKE... HUH...

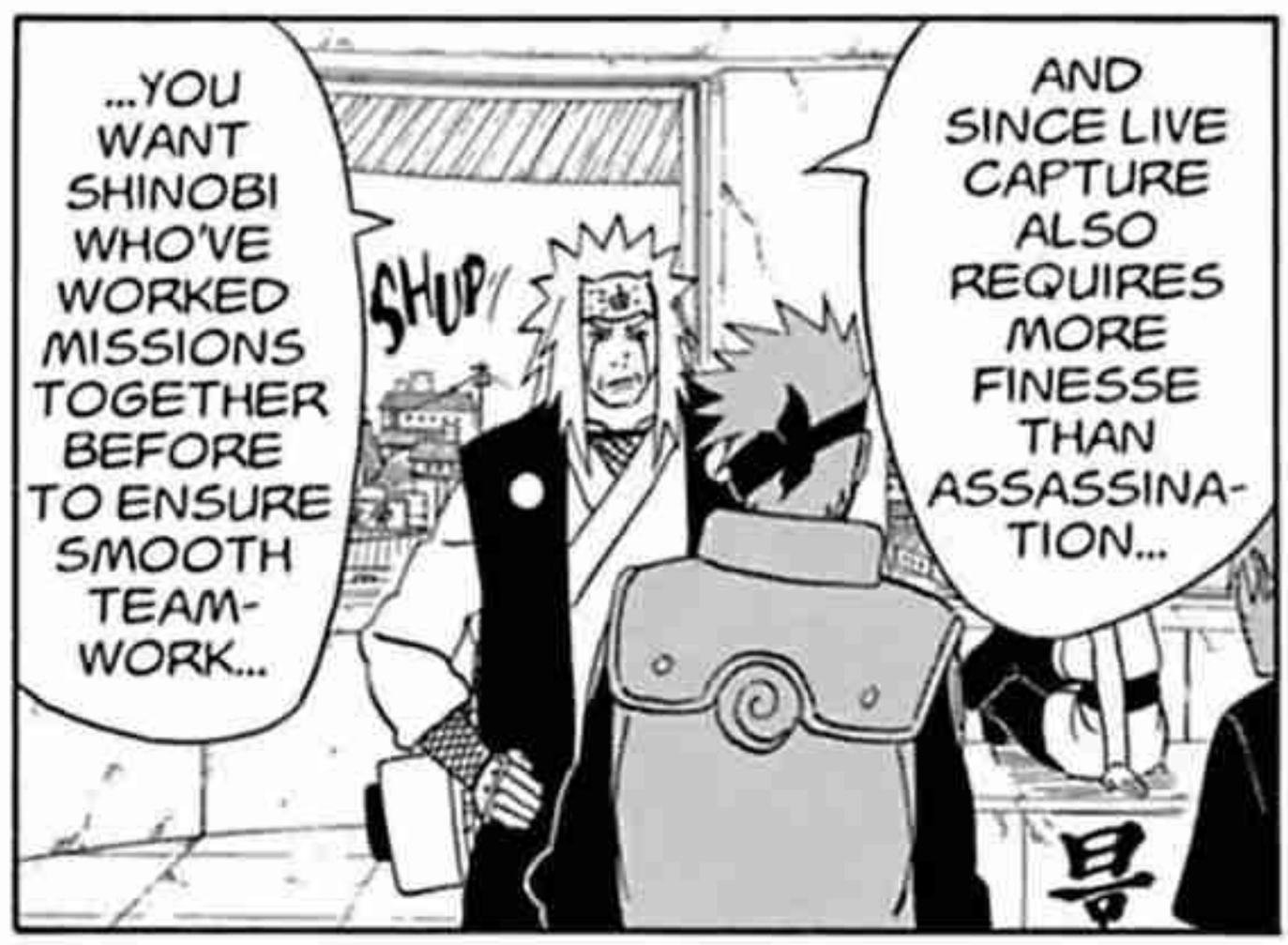





...THE MORE CELLS YOU INVOLVE, THE GREATER THE ODDS OF BEING SPOTTED.
NOT TO MENTION, THE CHAIN OF COMMAND GETS MORE CONFUSING AND THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS DECREASE.
WHEN THE TARGETS TO BE CAPTURED ARE FEW IN NUMBER, AS IN ONE OR TWO...

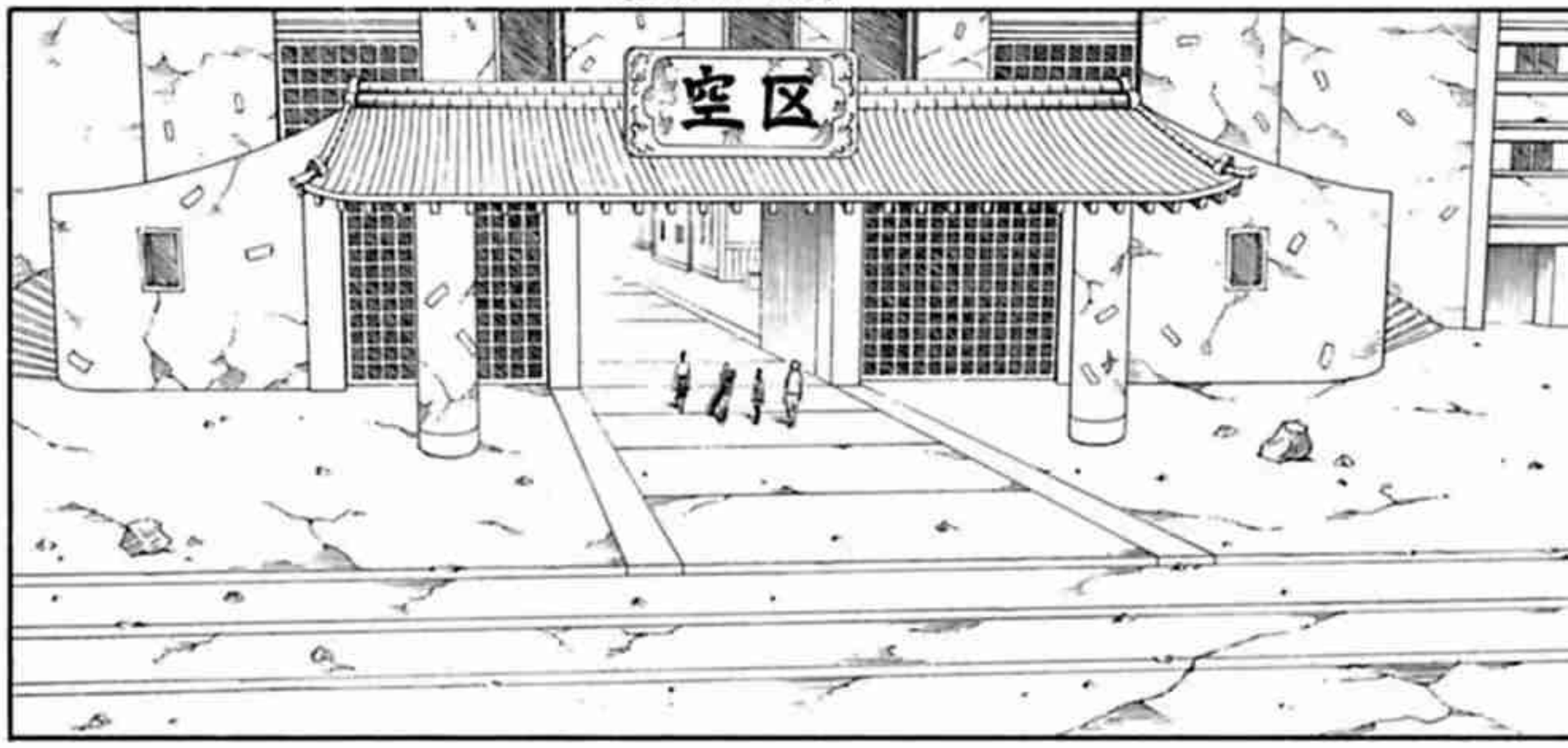
THAT IS COR-RECT...
...THOUGH I WOULD ARGUE A TWO-CELL TEAM SHOULD BE PLENTY.

ON THAT NOTE, I'VE ALREADY SUMMONED THE ONES I BELIEVE ARE BEST SUITED FOR THIS MISSION.


...YOU WANT SHINOBI WHO'VE WORKED MISSIONS TOGETHER BEFORE TO ENSURE SMOOTH TEAM-WORK...
SHUP
AND SINCE LIVE CAPTURE ALSO REQUIRES MORE FINESSE THAN ASSASSINA-TION...

COME ON IN, EVERY-BODY.
CLACK

(SKY WARD)



IT'S LIKE A MAZE IN HERE. ALL THE PASSAGE-WAYS LOOK THE SAME.

THIS IS WHERE WE'LL OUTFIT OUR-SELVES FOR BATTLE.
THIS PLACE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OROCHI-MARU.
IT'S A MUNITIONS STORE THAT MY CLAN USED TO USE.

?!

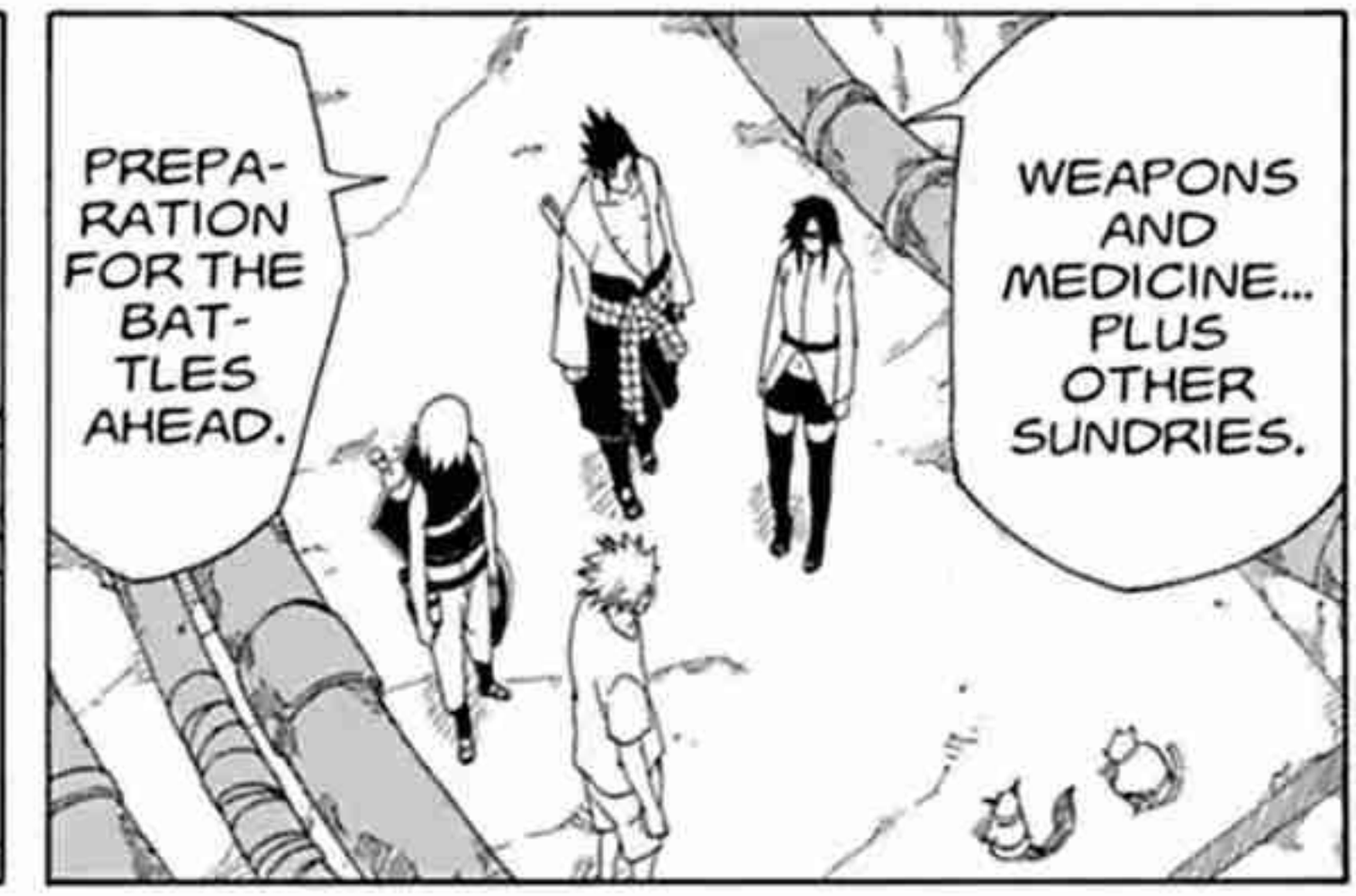
YOU'RE WELCOME TO LEAVE.
WHAT AN IRRITATING PLACE... IT'S STIFLING.

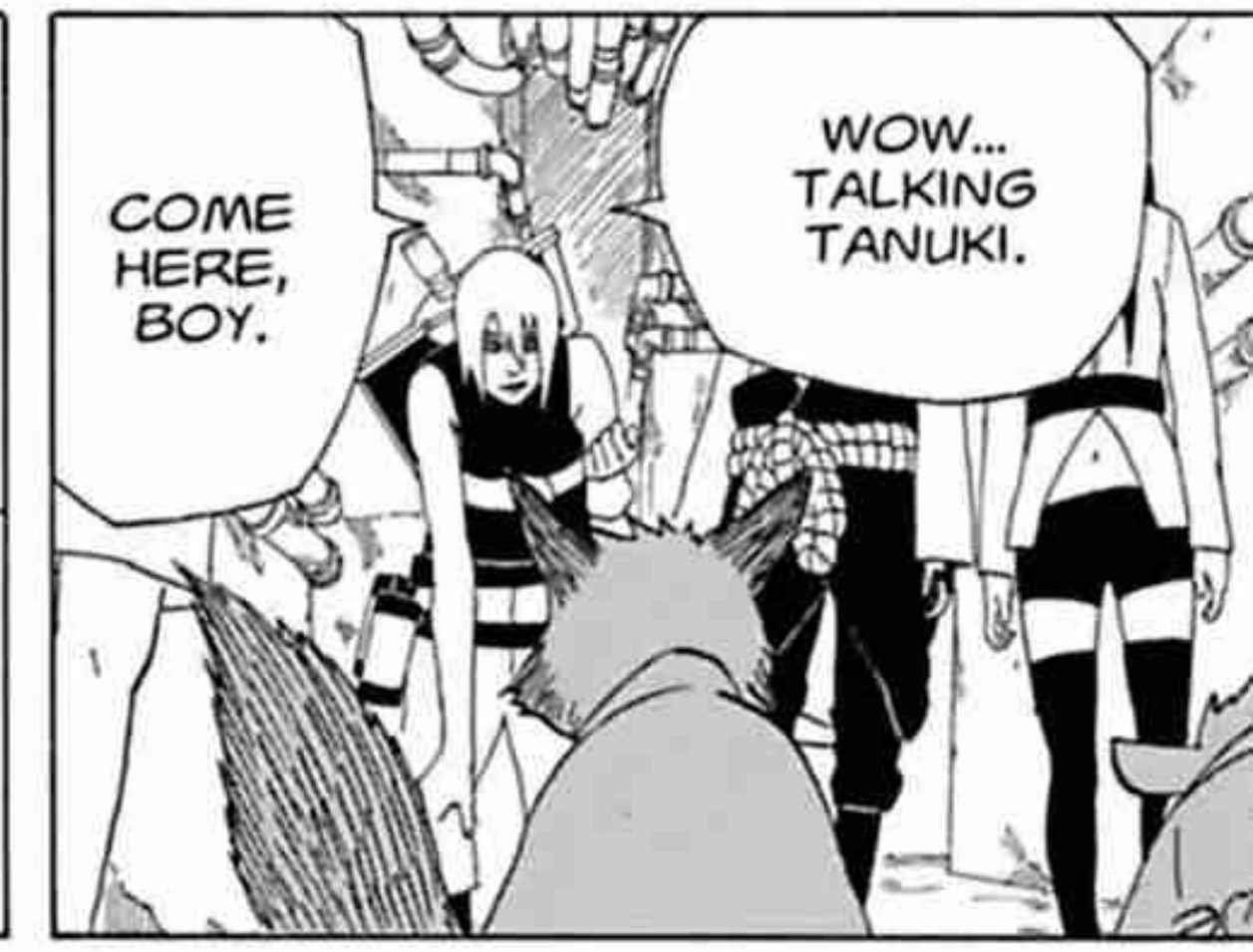
LONG TIME NO SEE...
...DENKA, HINA.

HUH?

IT IS YOU, SASUKE BOY...

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, MEW?





THEY'RE NINJA CATS.

BE CAREFUL, OR THEY'LL CLAW YOU UP.

HISS

WHOA...

FFP

HERE... IT'S A BOTTLE OF CATNIP.

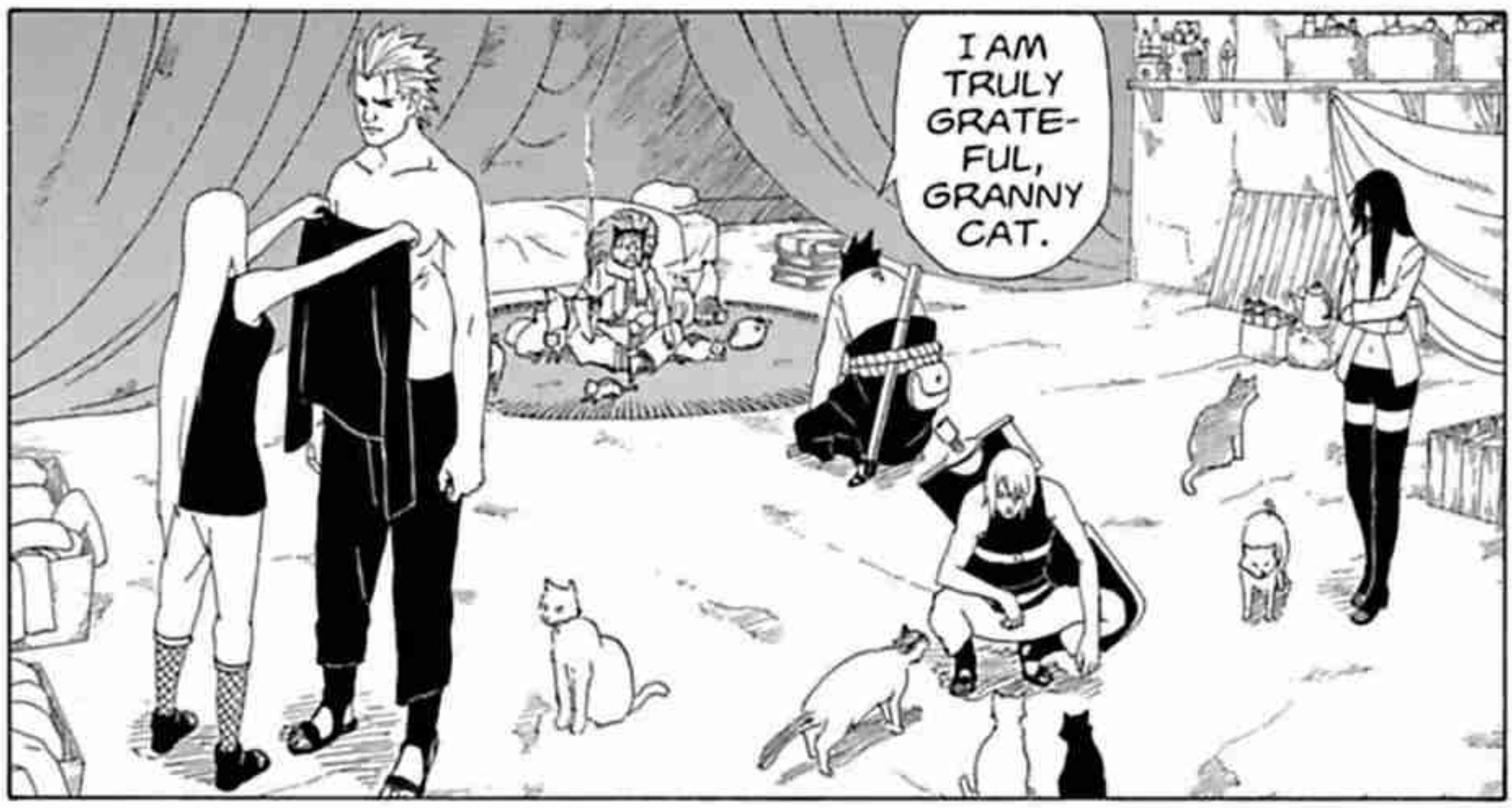
YOU BROUGHT GIFTS, MEW?

COME ALONG.

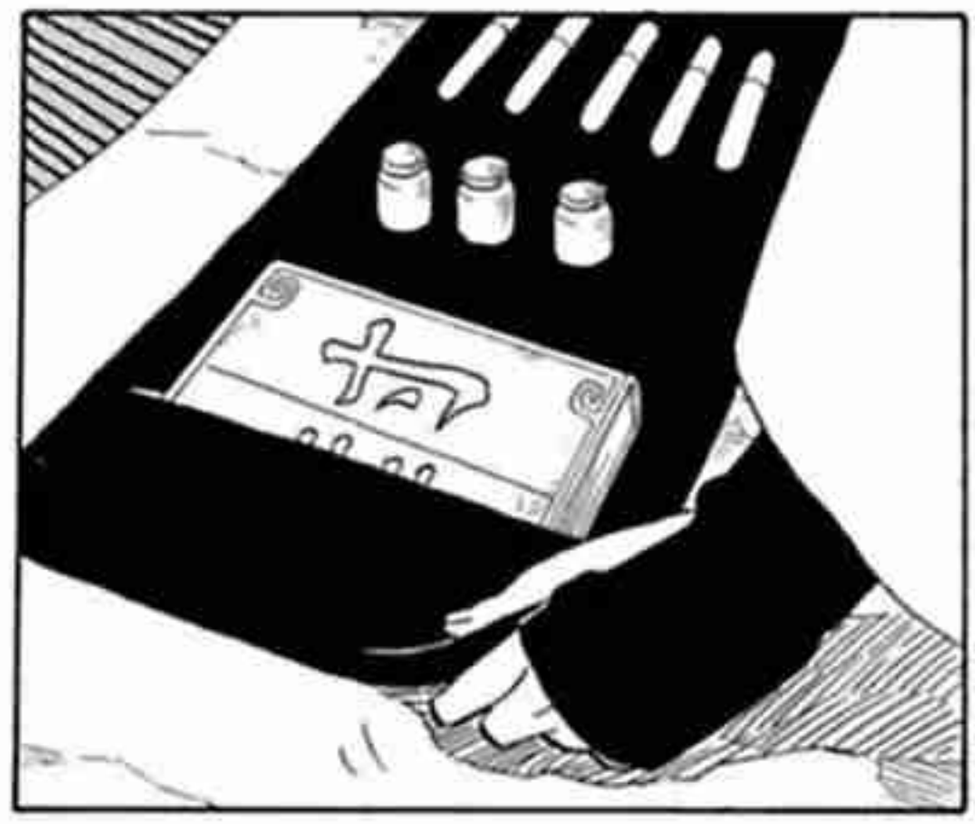
SHUP...

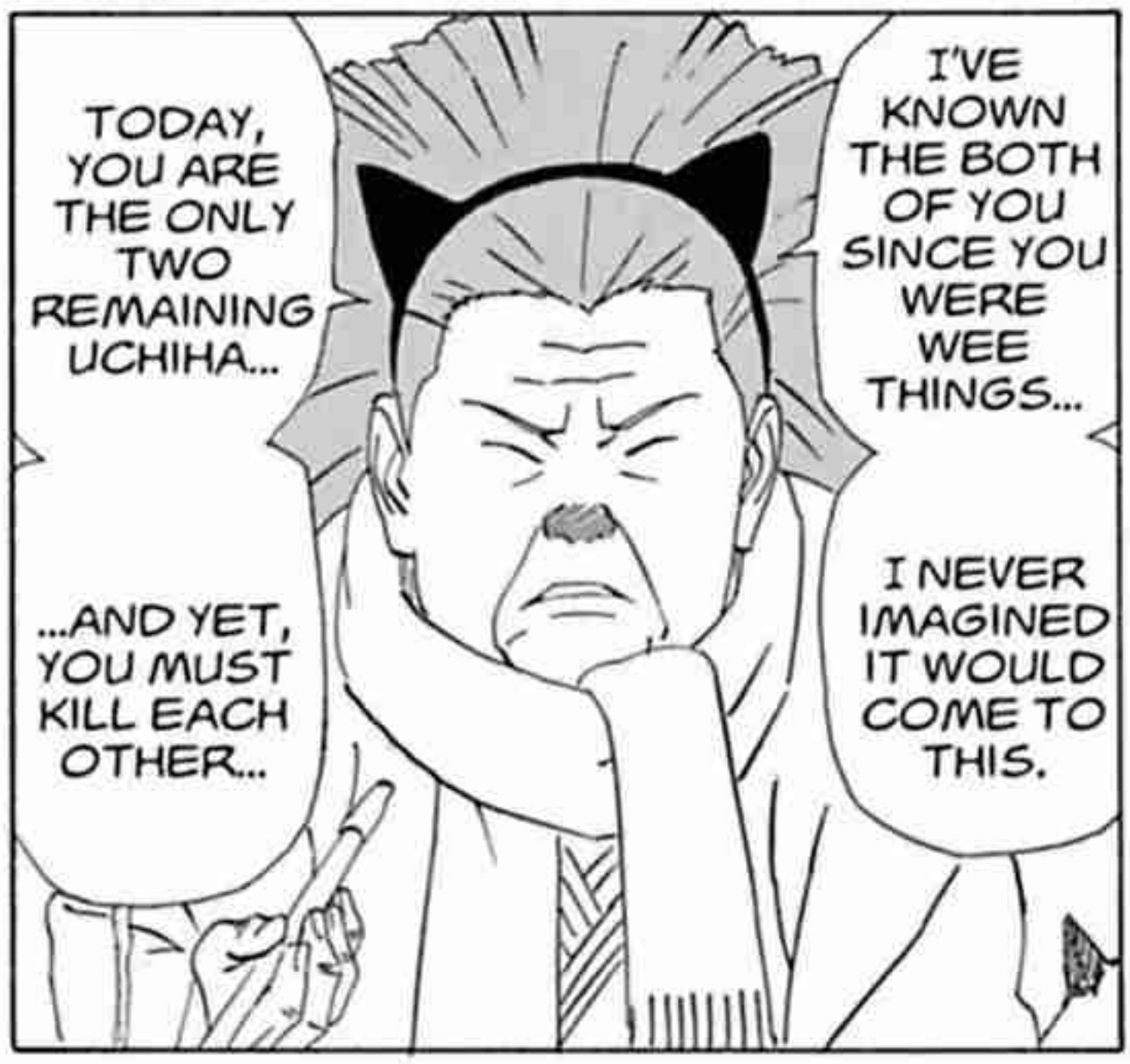
GRANNY CAT WILL SEE YOU.

HISS


I AM TRULY GRATE-FUL, GRANNY CAT.

SO. YOU'RE STILL GOING AFTER ITACHI?

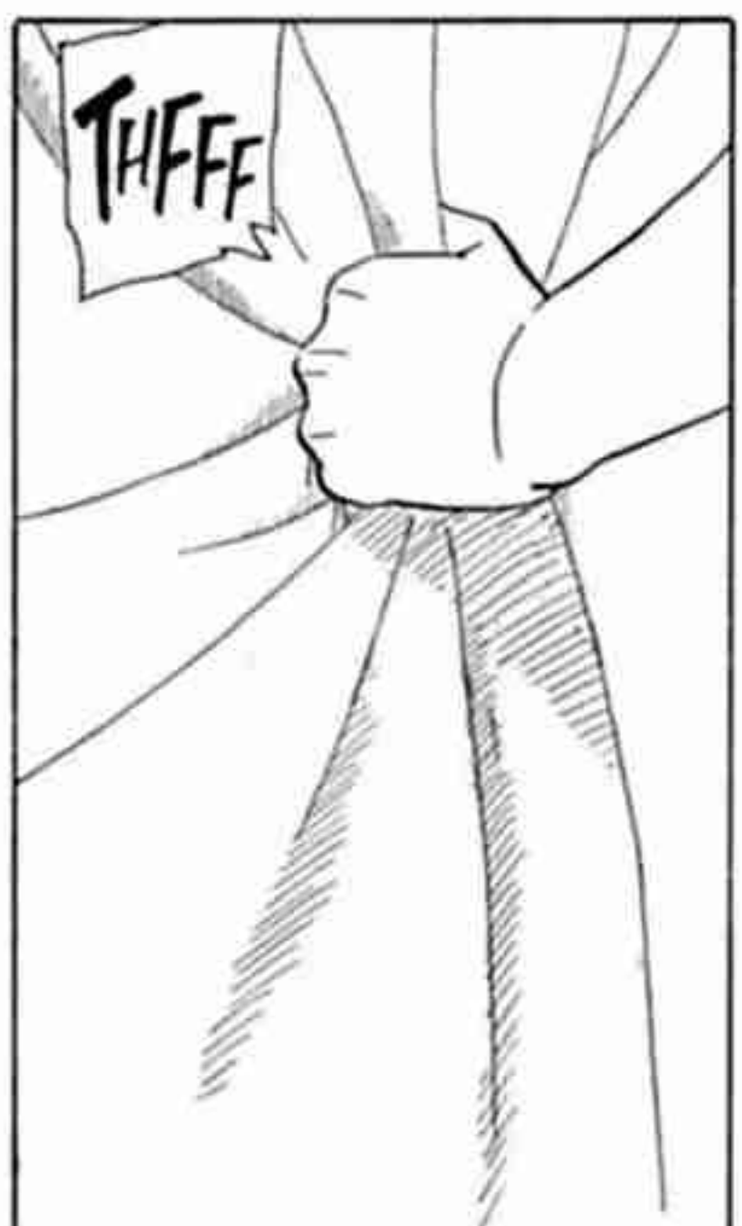



TODAY, YOU ARE THE ONLY TWO REMAINING UCHIHA...
...AND YET, YOU MUST KILL EACH OTHER...
I'VE KNOWN THE BOTH OF YOU SINCE YOU WERE WEE THINGS...
I NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD COME TO THIS.

...
CINCH

GRANNY, DON'T WE HAVE BIGGER CLOTHES THAT COULD FIT THIS ONE?

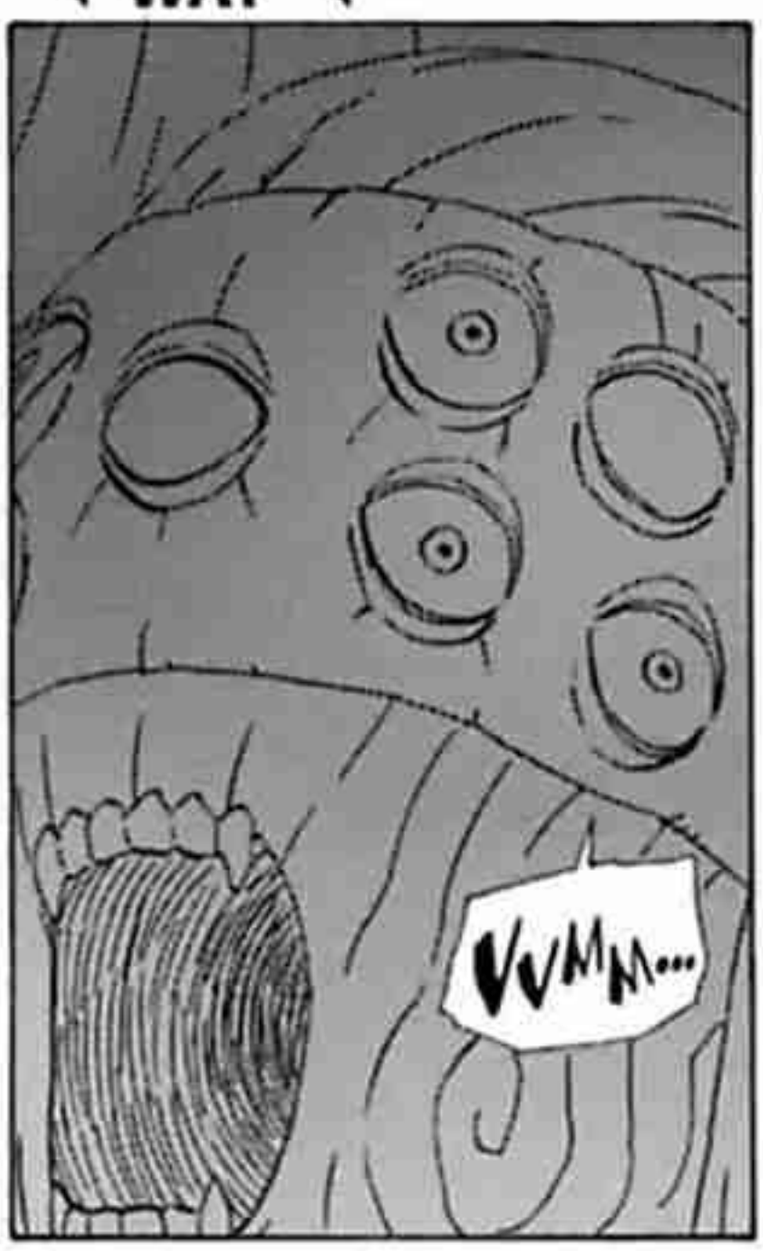
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE...
WE'LL BE GOING NOW.
FFT


THFFF

GRANNY! WE'RE BEING PAID!
WE'RE NOT A CLOTHING STORE.
WRAP HIM IN THAT CURTAIN OVER THERE, THEN.

HMM...
THAP

READ
THIS
WAY


VVMM...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT ARE OUR CHOICES?
WHERE TO?
NOW... WHERE TO, EH... HMMM?

...

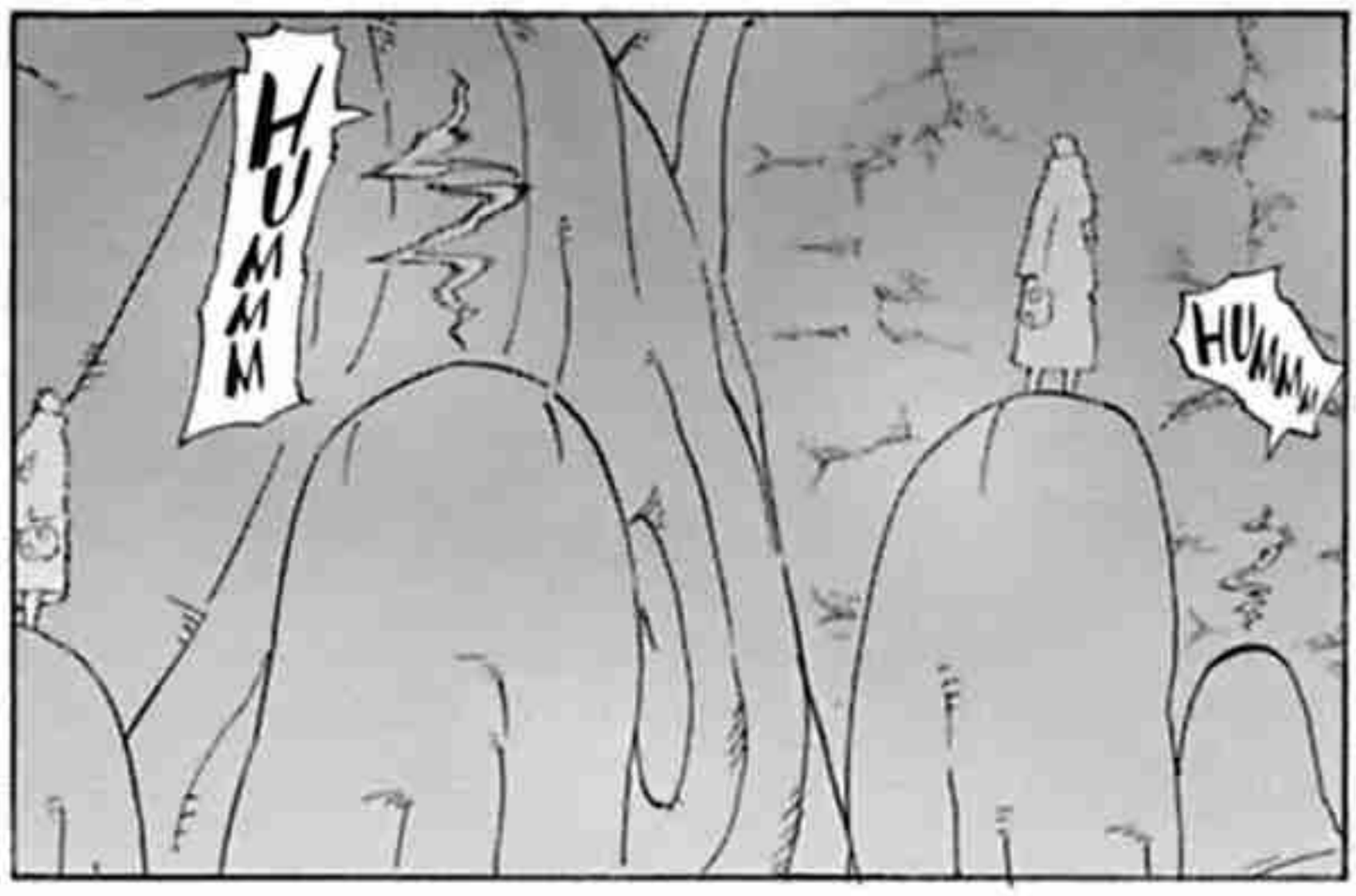
...OR UCHIHA SASUKE.
NINE TAILS' JINCHÛRIKI, LED BY KAKASHI...

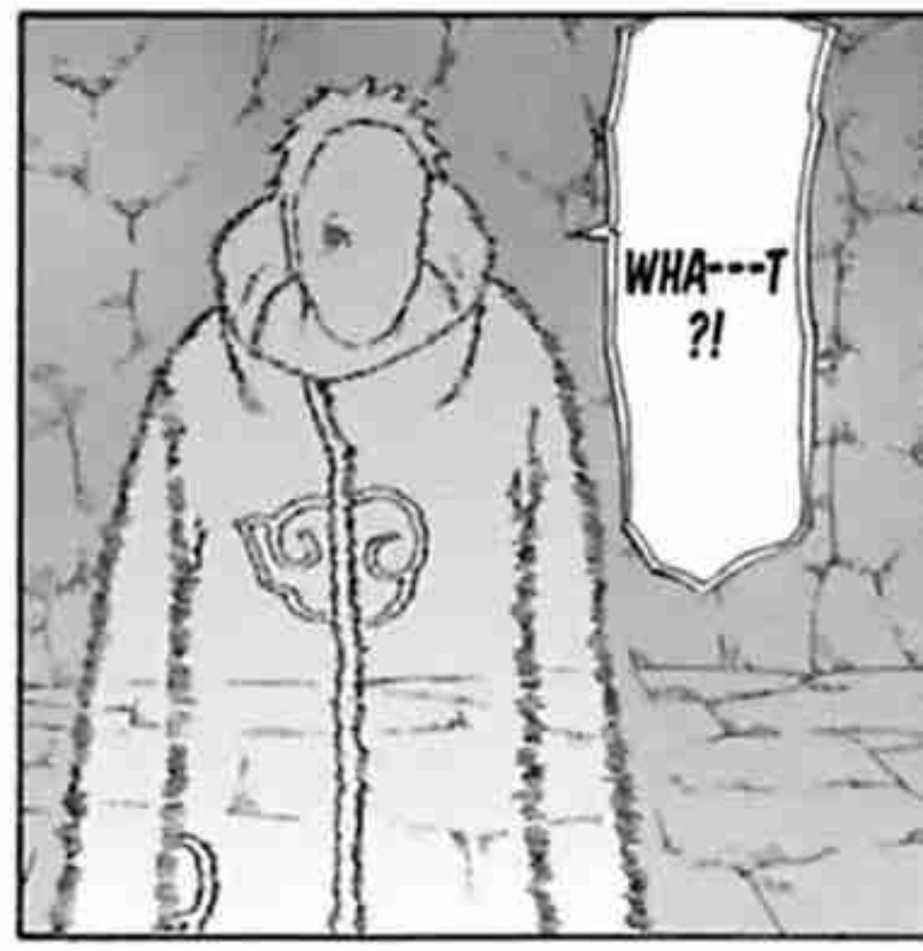
...AND KAKASHI FOR TAKING MY RIGHT ARM, HMMM?

ARE YOU KIDDING? I STILL OWE NINE TAILS' JINCHÛRIKI FOR THE BEATING HE GAVE ME...

I MEAN, WE'VE ACHIEVED OUR OBJECTIVE!

WHAT ABOUT NEITHER?!





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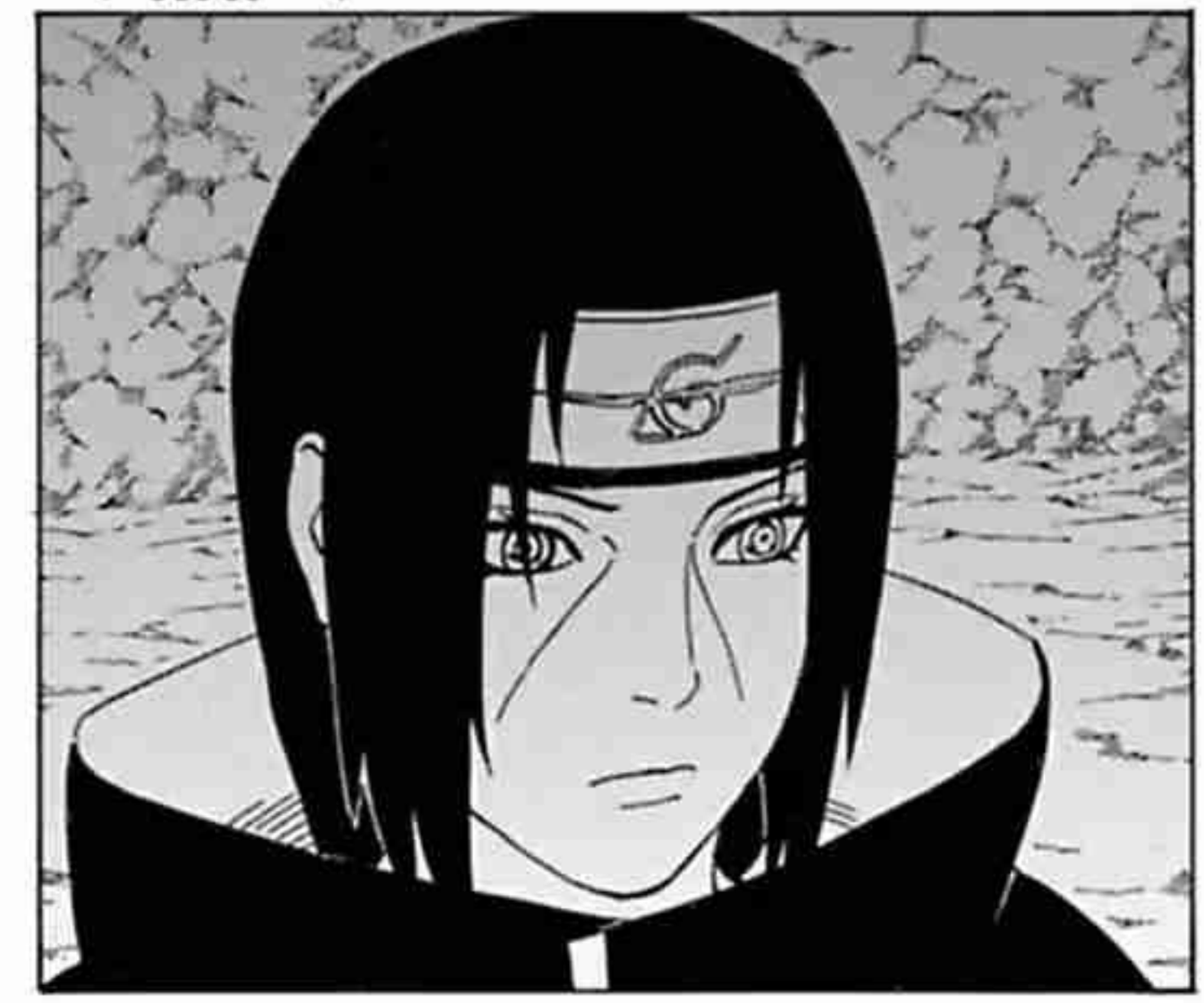
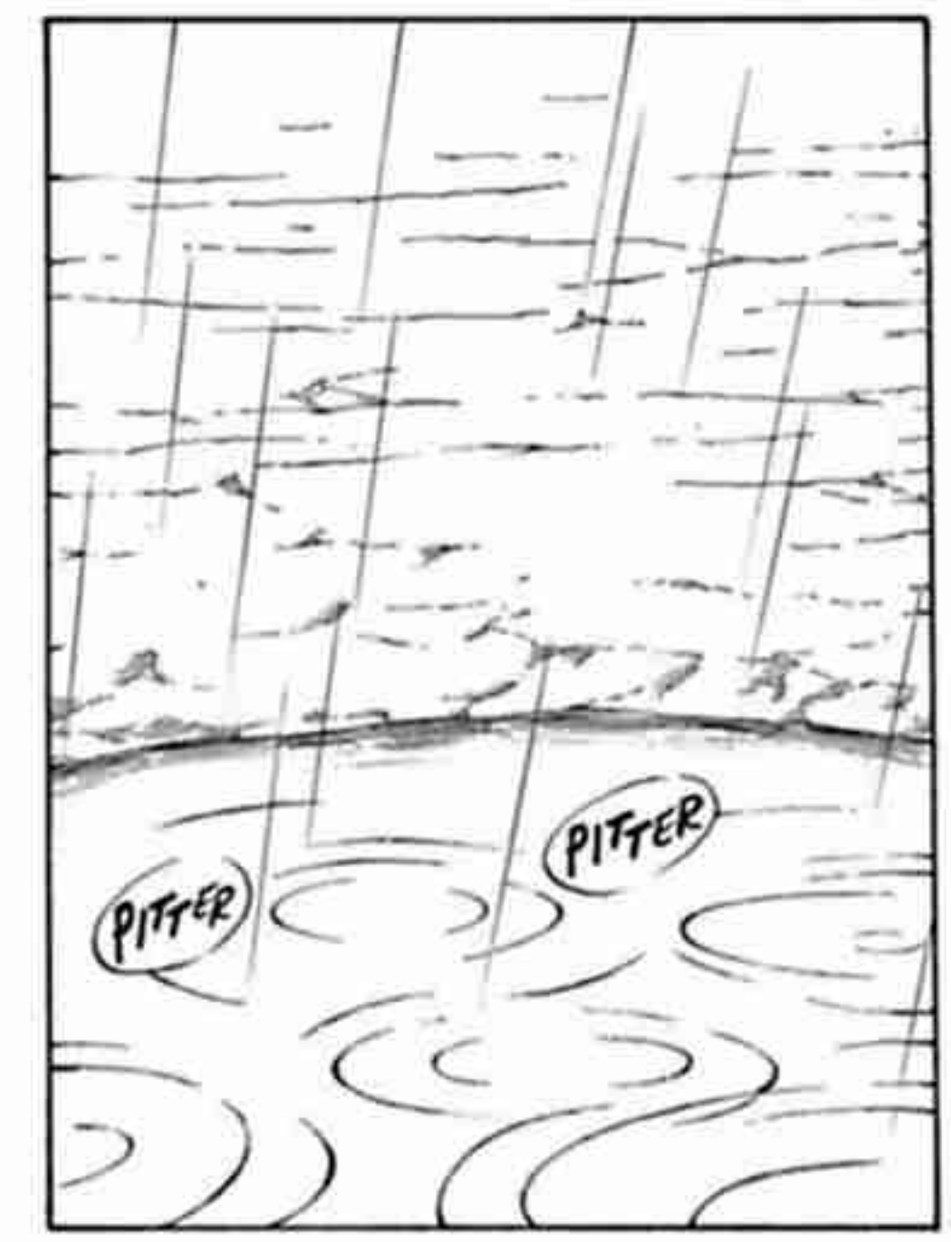


YOU OK WITH THAT, ITACHI?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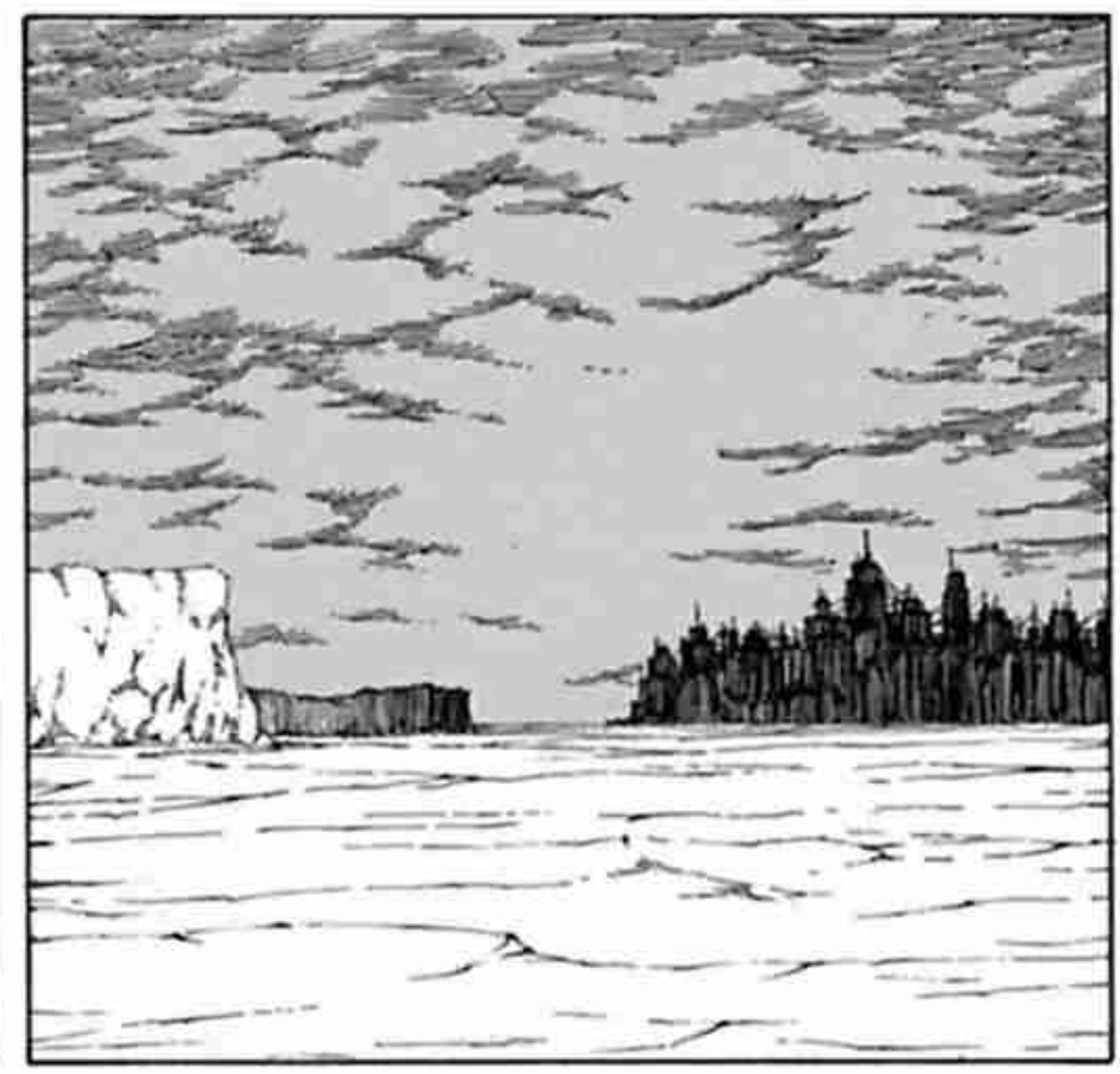
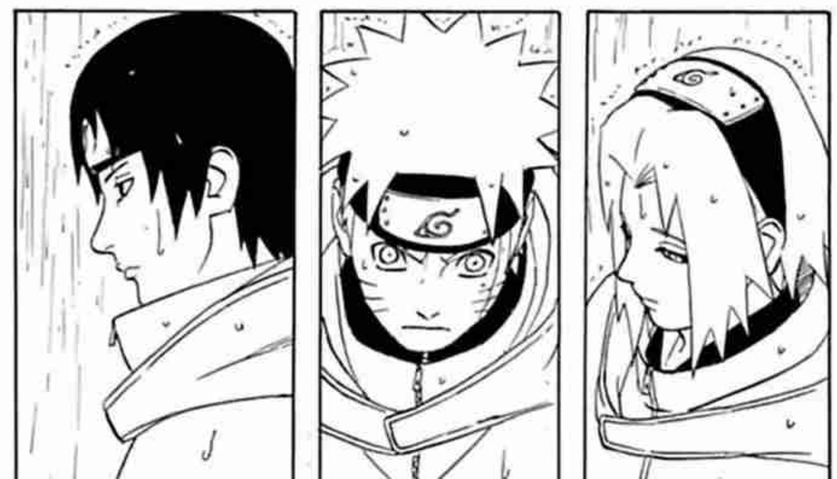


READ THIS WAY
WHAT MISERABLE WEATHER FOR A MISSION LAUNCH.
SPLASH
SP LOOOSH
LET'S DO IT.

I THINK THE RAIN'S PERFECT FOR COOLING DOWN THOSE WHO ARE A BIT TOO FIRED UP.

ALL RIGHT, PEOPLE!! LET'S GO!!



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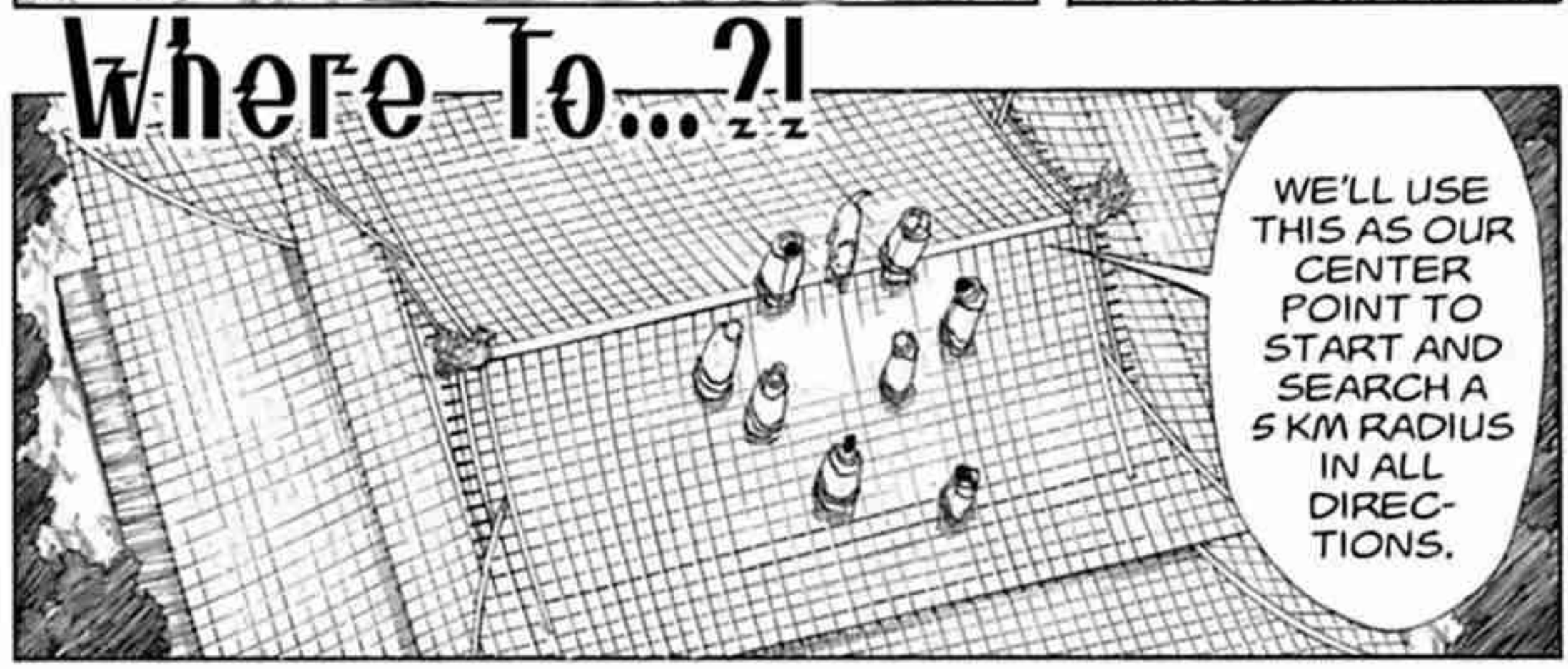

SAKURA, DON'T WORRY.

RULES DICTATE A MINIMUM OF TWO-MAN CELLS FOR PATROLS.
SO THAT IF AN ENEMY IS ENCOUN-TERED...

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PLUS, OUR NOSES CAN DETECT DANGER FASTER AND WE CAN ASSIST YOU IN BATTLES.
BOOF
OUR VOICES REACH FARTHER THAN ANY COMM UNIT.
BOOF
BOOF
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TO BE SAFE, I'M ASSIGNING EACH PERSON TWO NINJA DOGS.
ALL RIGHT, LET ME EXPLAIN THE TEAM ROSTERS FOR OUR PATROLS.

PAKKUN!
...!

SHF
SO PLEASE PLAY NICE, OK?

HUH?
BUT THERE AREN'T ...
TWO...?

YOU'RE SUCH A LOUD-MOUTHED FEMALE.
!
NICE TO MEET YOU, SAKURA.

HMM...
I'M GOING WITH SHINO, WOOF.

CACKLE CACKLE CACKLE

NICE TO MEET YOU.

WE'RE READY TO GO!
AND KIBA AND I, WHO ARE USED TO WORKING WITH NINJA DOGS, WILL ONLY HAVE ONE EACH.

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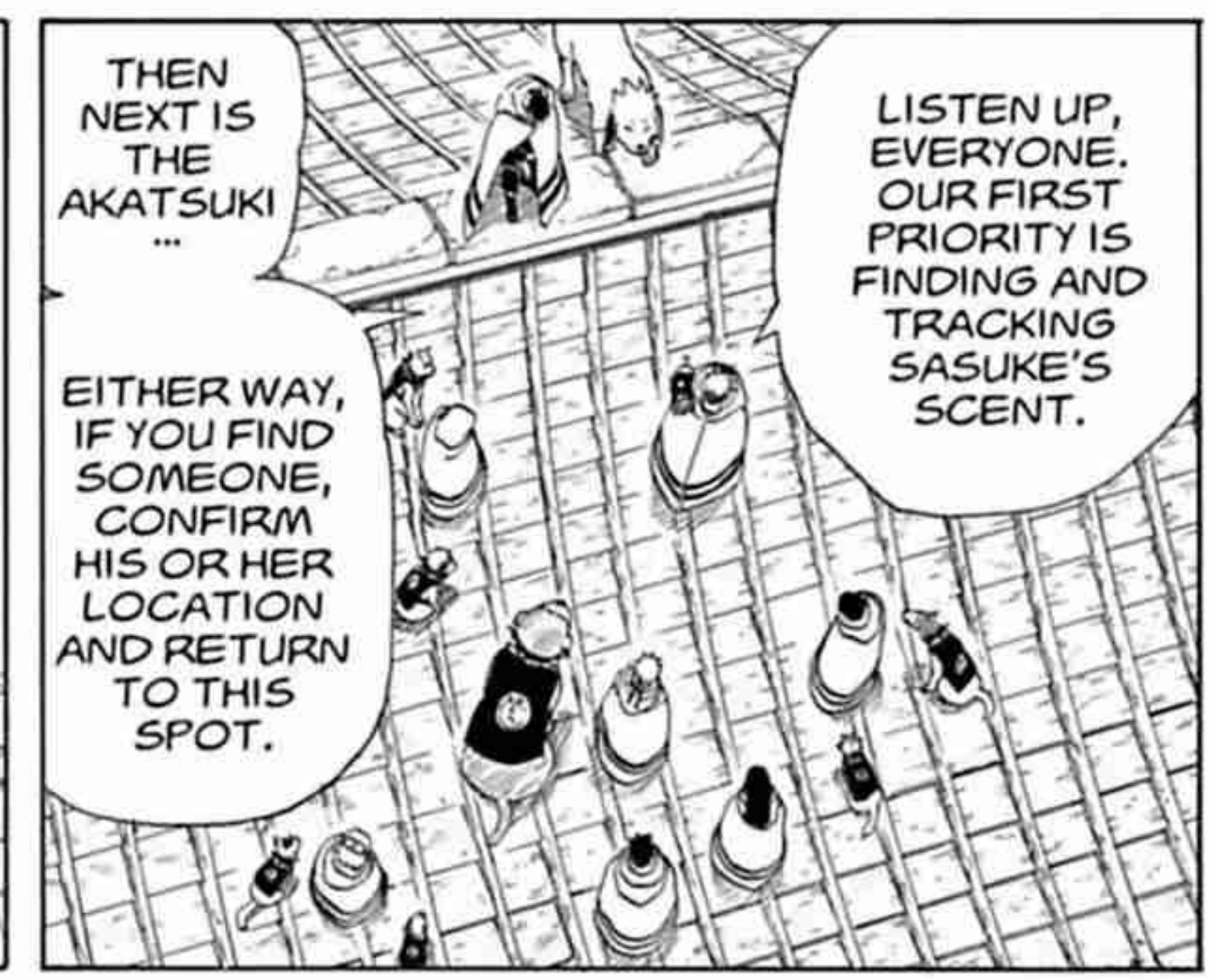
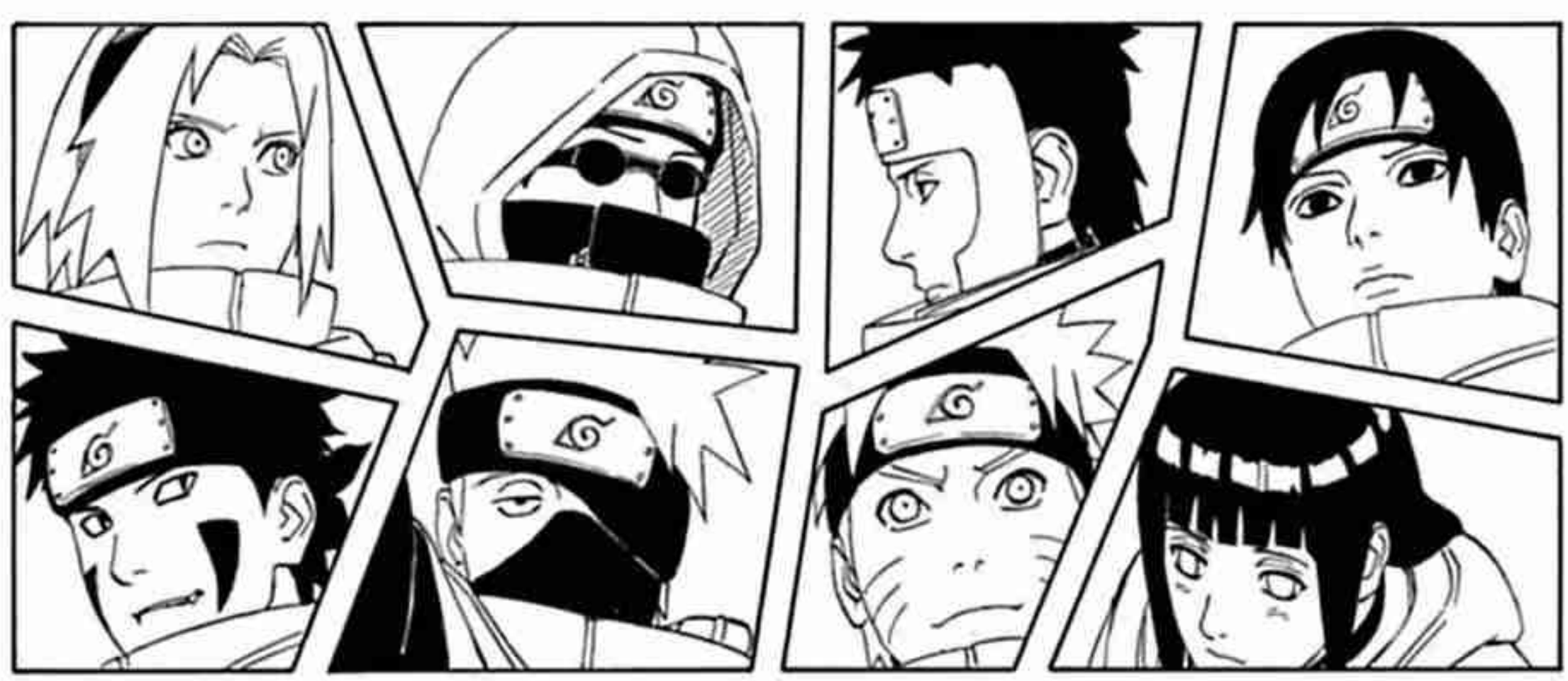
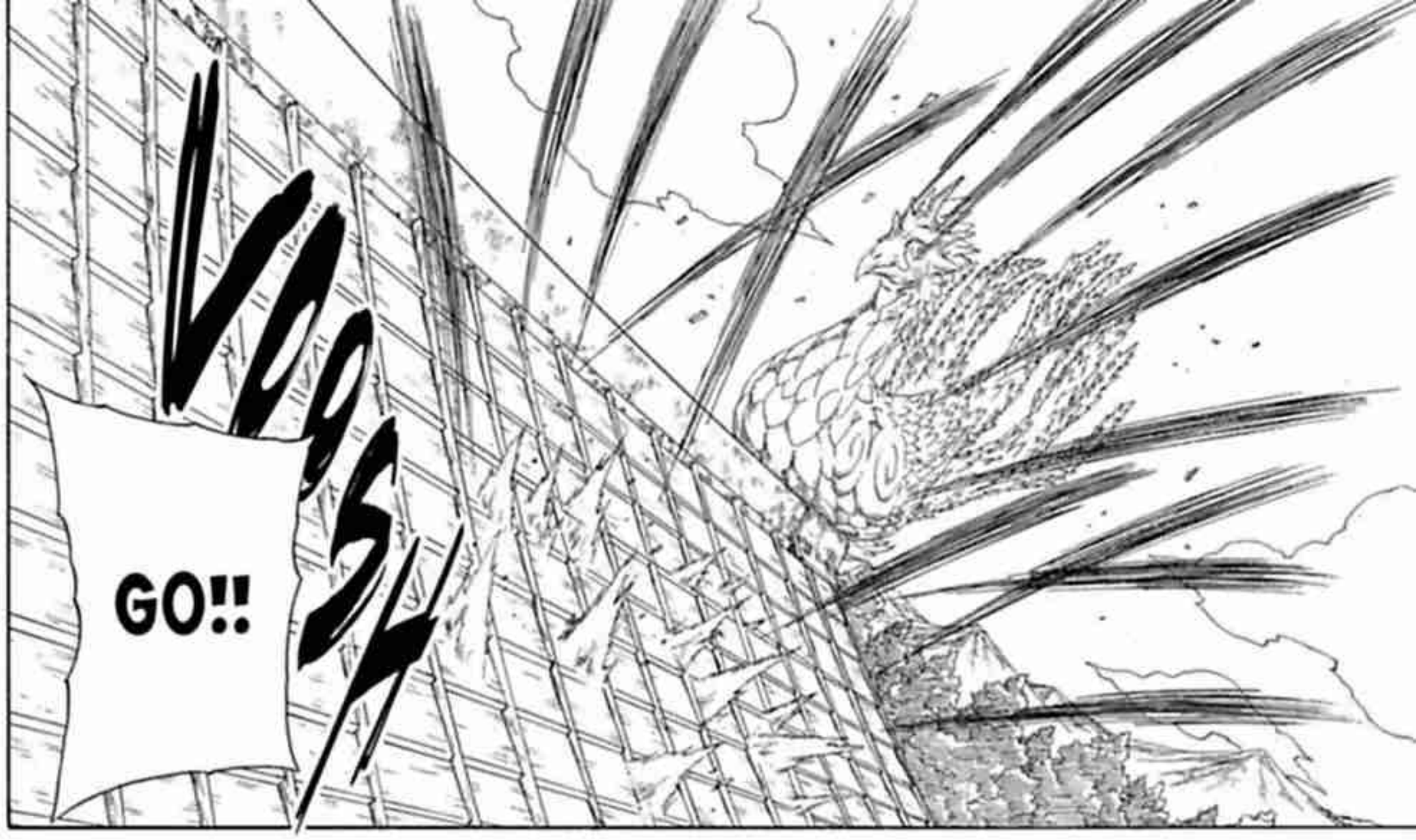
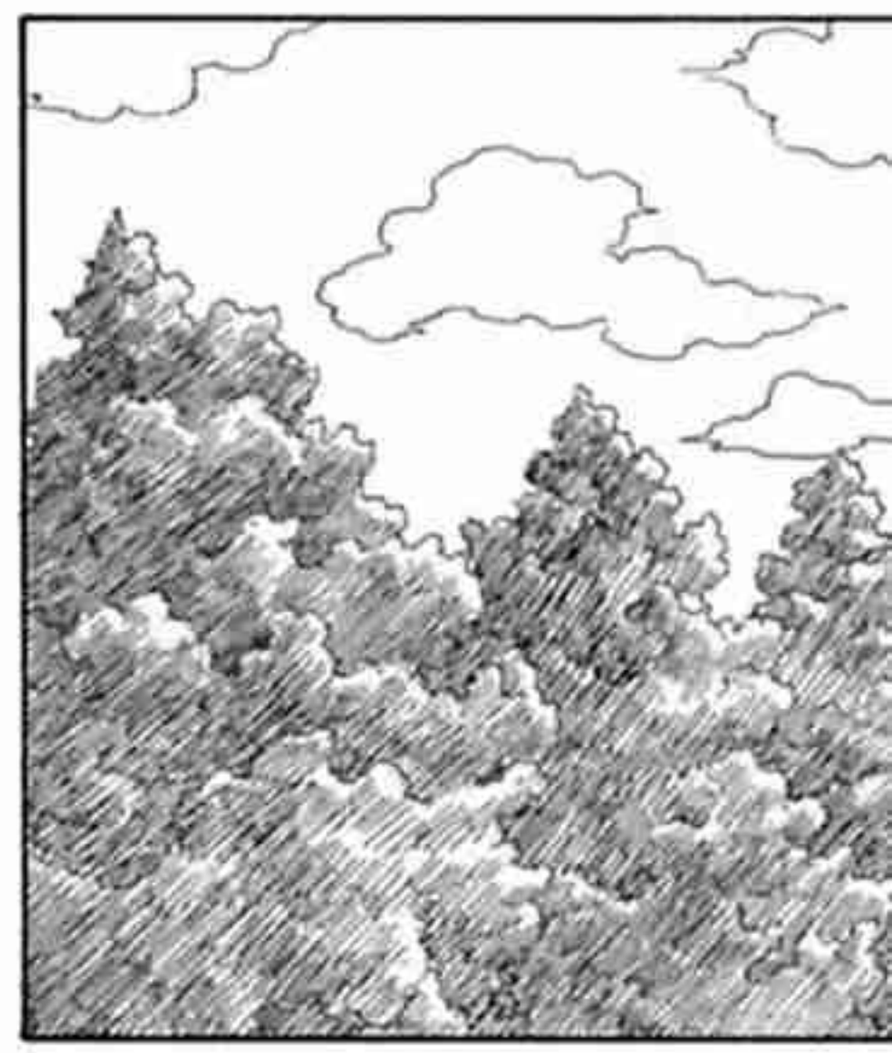

THEN NEXT IS THE AKATSUKI ...
EITHER WAY, IF YOU FIND SOMEONE, CONFIRM HIS OR HER LOCATION AND RETURN TO THIS SPOT.
LISTEN UP, EVERYONE. OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS FINDING AND TRACKING SASUKE'S SCENT.




GO!!

WELL, THEN. LET'S GO.



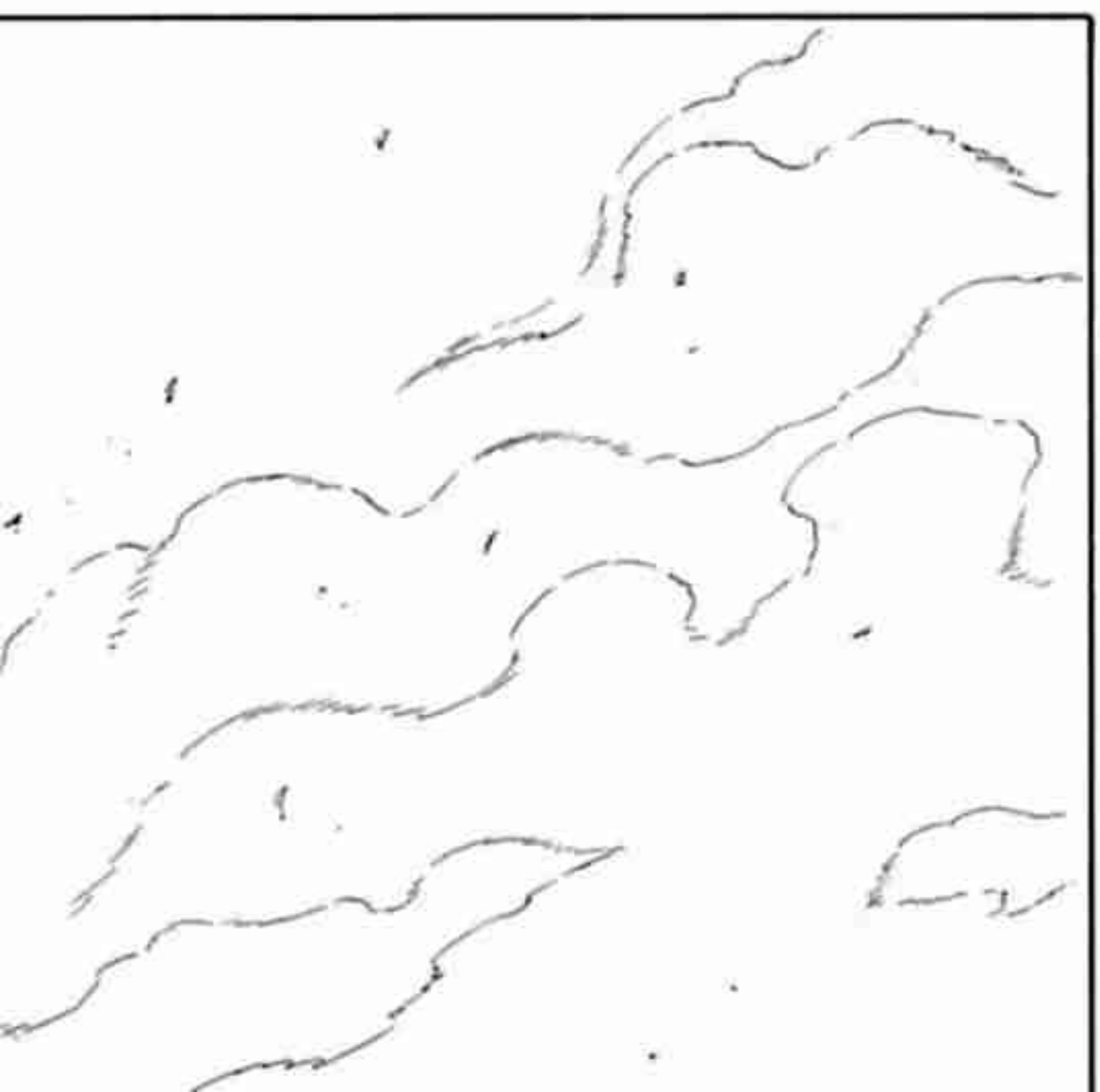
SWISH
SWISH

SA-SU-KE, I'M ALL ALONE WITH YOU...
THAP

OH, YEAH!

GAH!
SHUF...

HURRY UP AND HEAD OUT.



FLAP

NOW... WHICH SHALL IT BE, HMMM?
TAK

SASUKE OR NINE TAILS...?
SO... WHICH IS IT?

AS GOOD AS NEW... HMMM?

WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?

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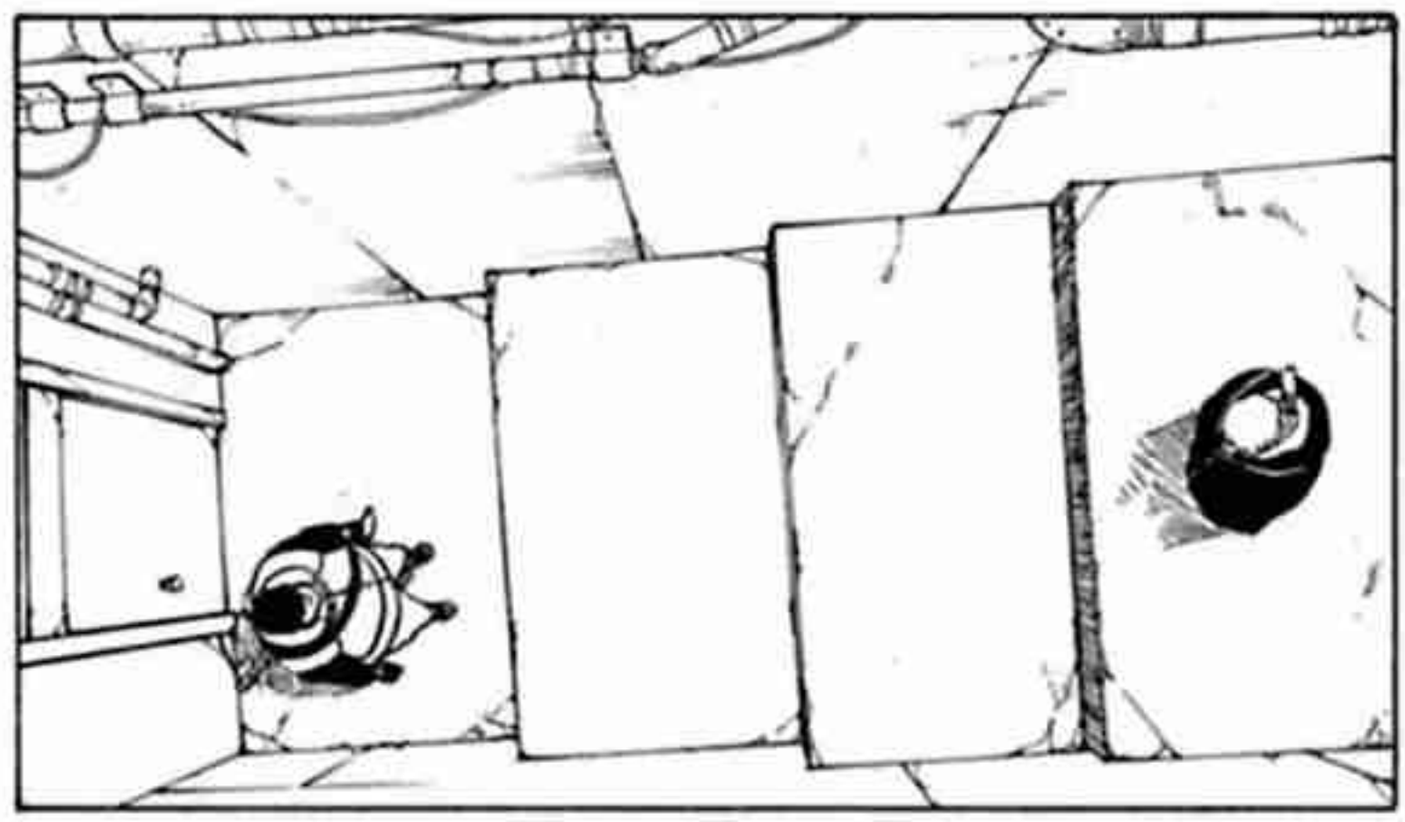
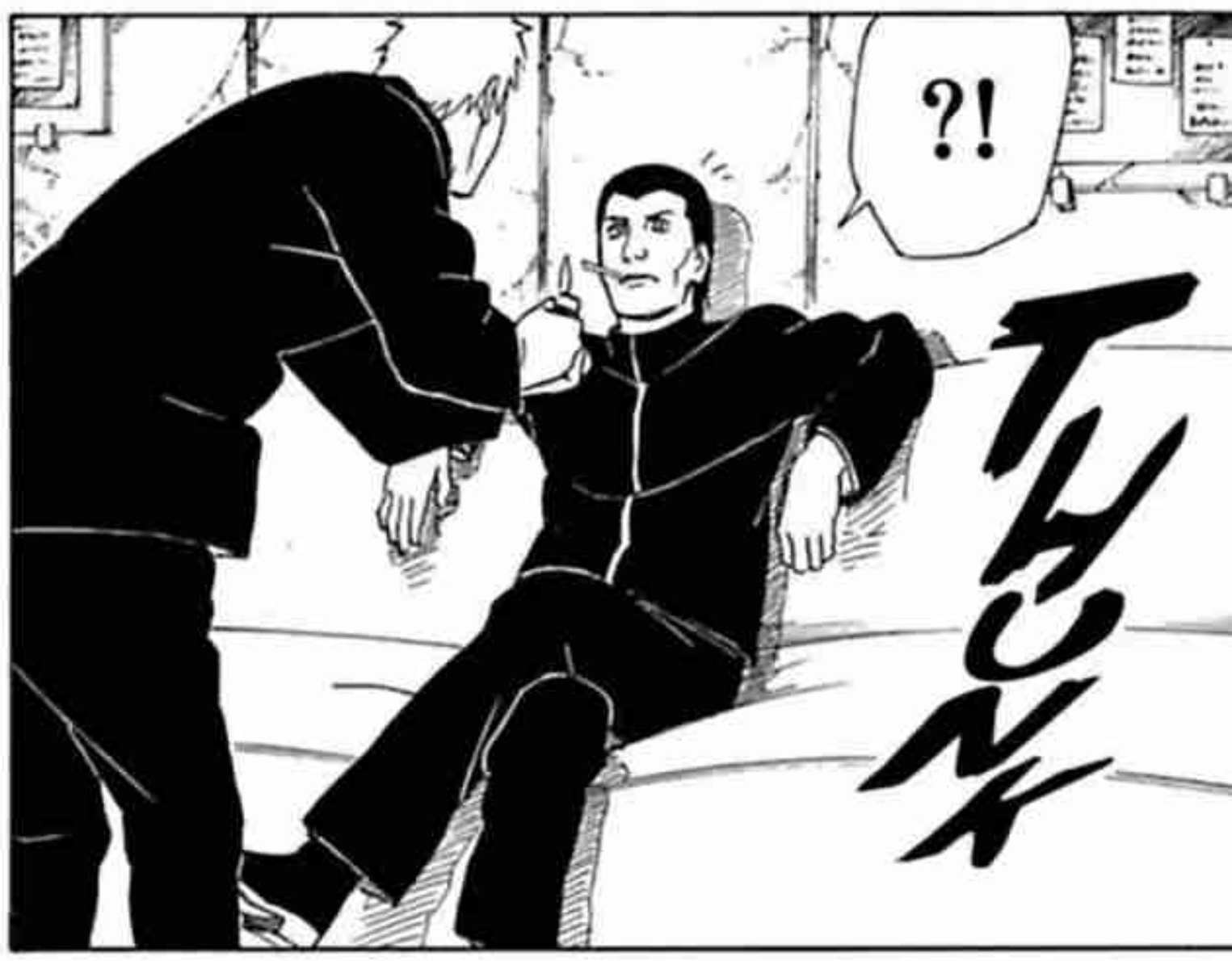
(PAWN SHOP)



HE'LL FORGIVE ME... IF IT'S A LACKEY ...

!
GO TAKE A LOOK.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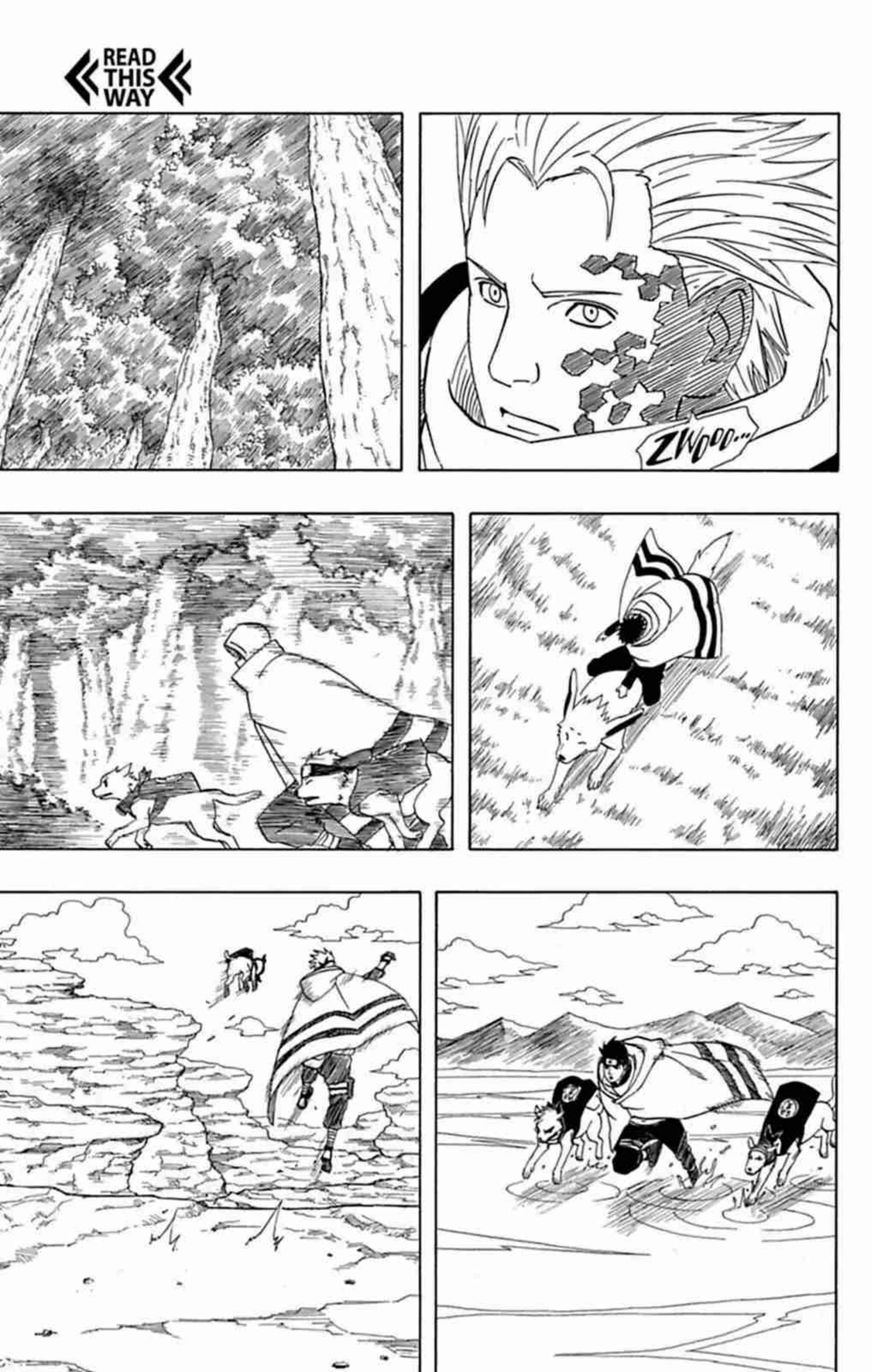
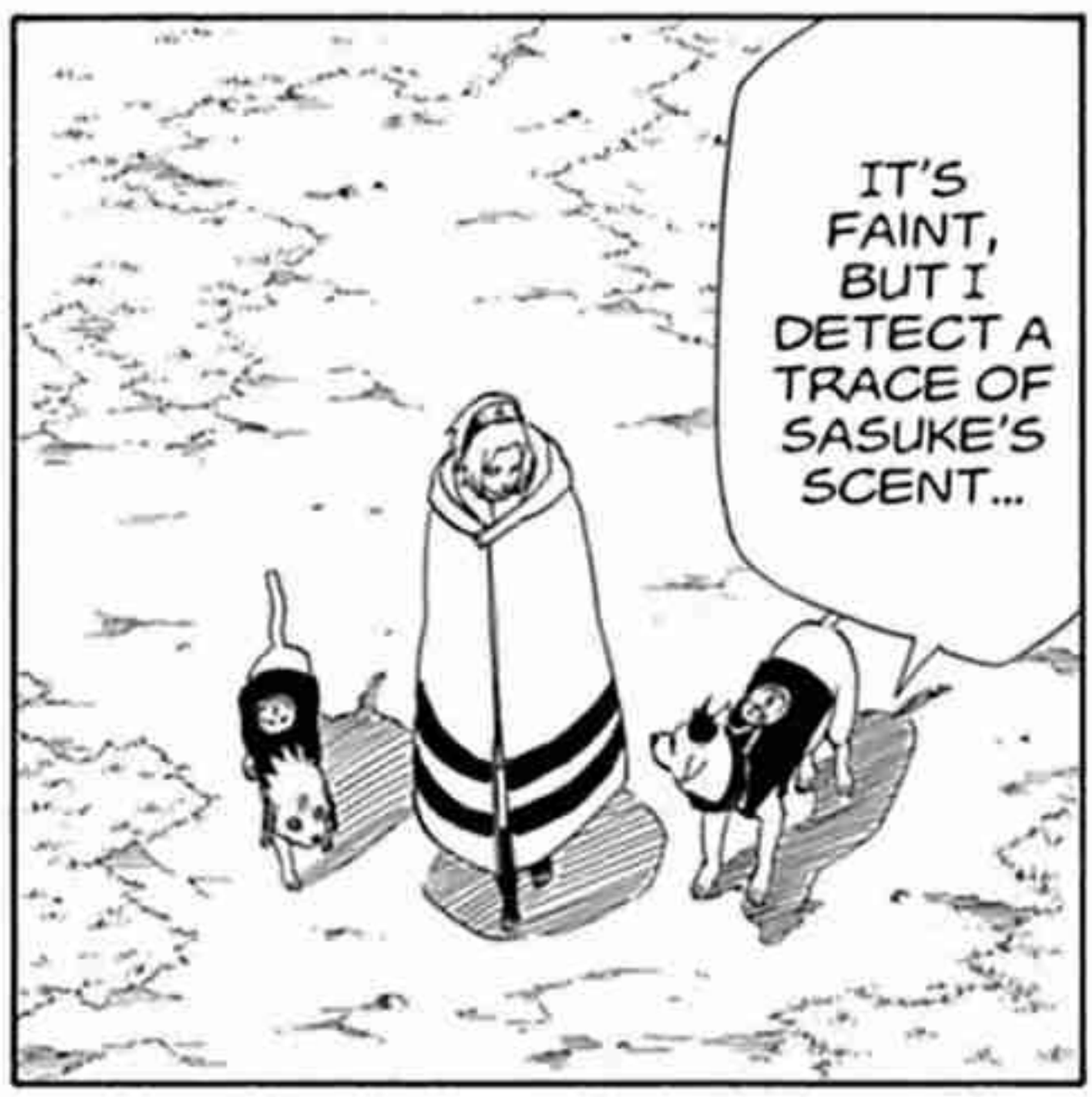
CLACK

YOU'RE THAT AKATSUKI MEMBER KAKUZU'S SUBORDINATE AND BOOK-KEEPER, RIGHT?

UNH... UGH...


READ THIS WAY
ZWOOO...


IT'S FAINT, BUT I DETECT A TRACE OF SASUKE'S SCENT...

!
SNIFF SNIFF

WHAT IS IT?

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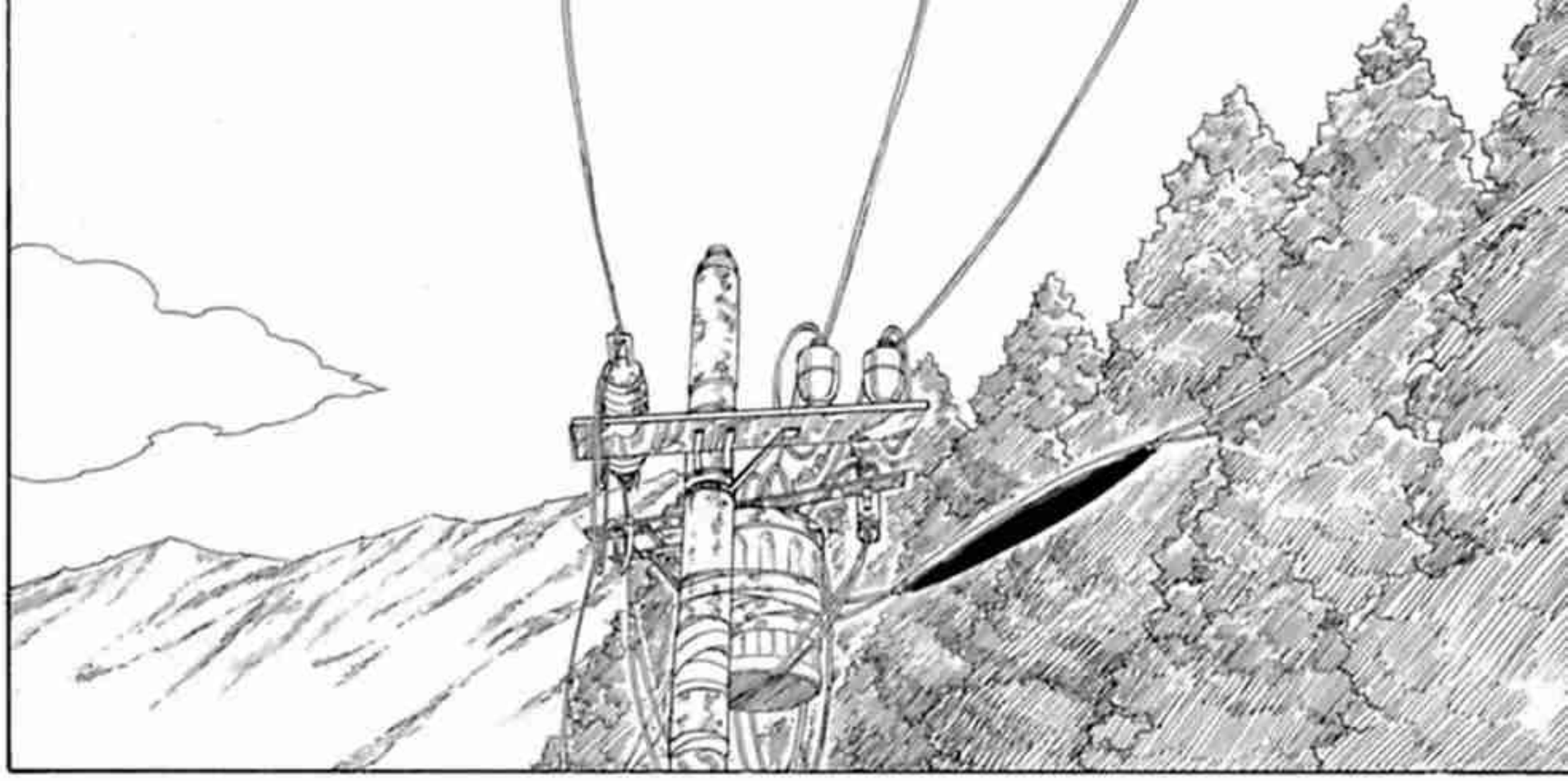
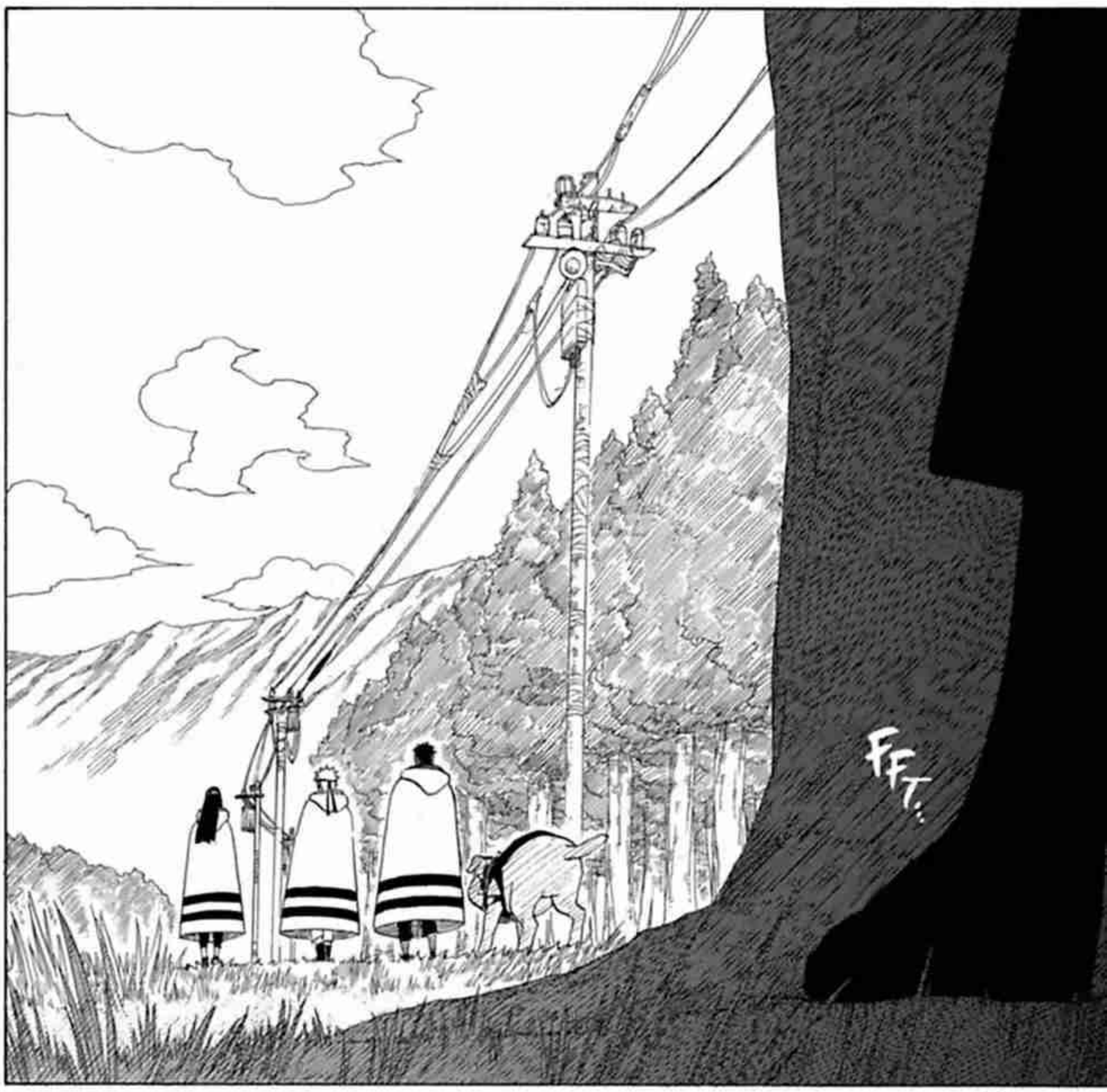
SERIOUSLY?! THAT WAS QUICK!
FOUND HIM, TOBI... HMMM?

!

HEH...
COME ALONG, TOBI.

SO, WHICH IS IT?

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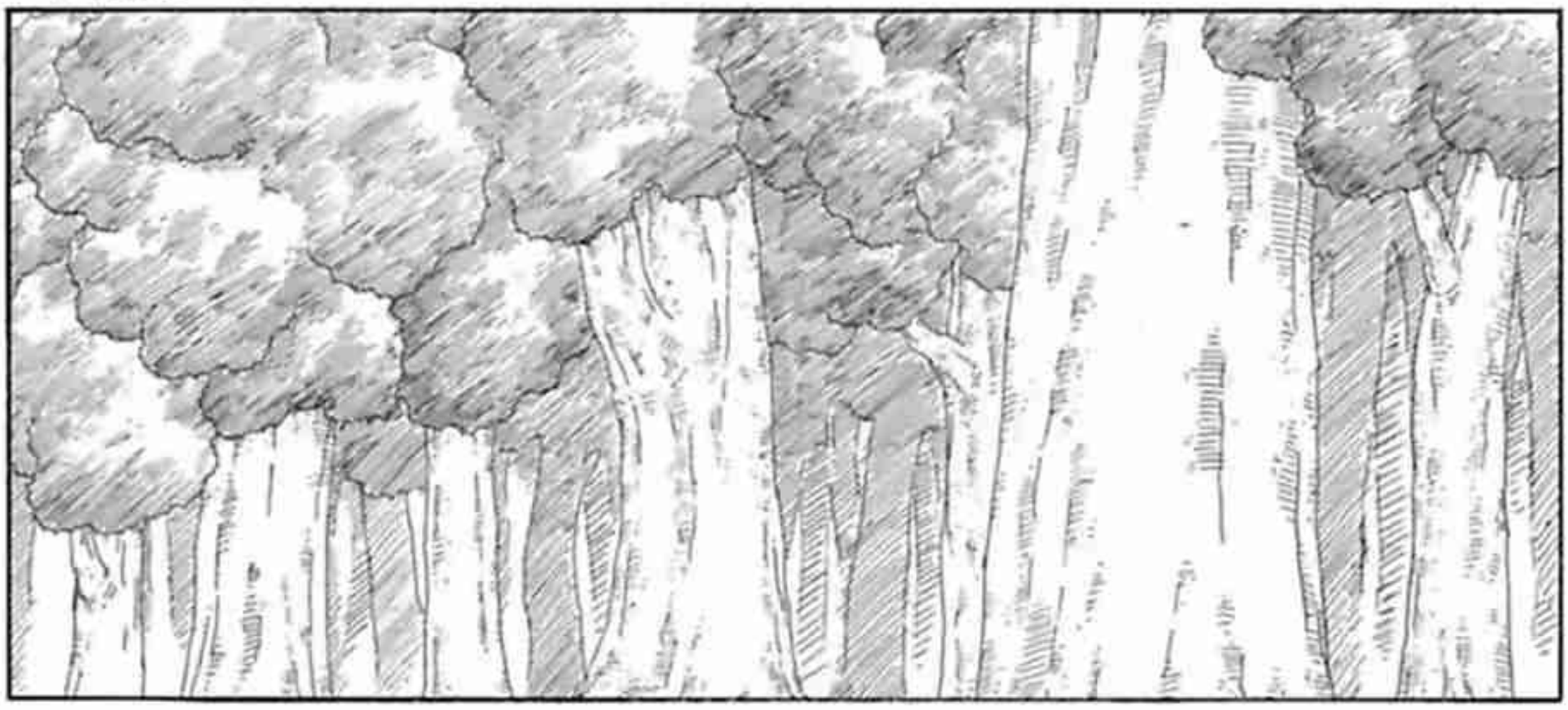
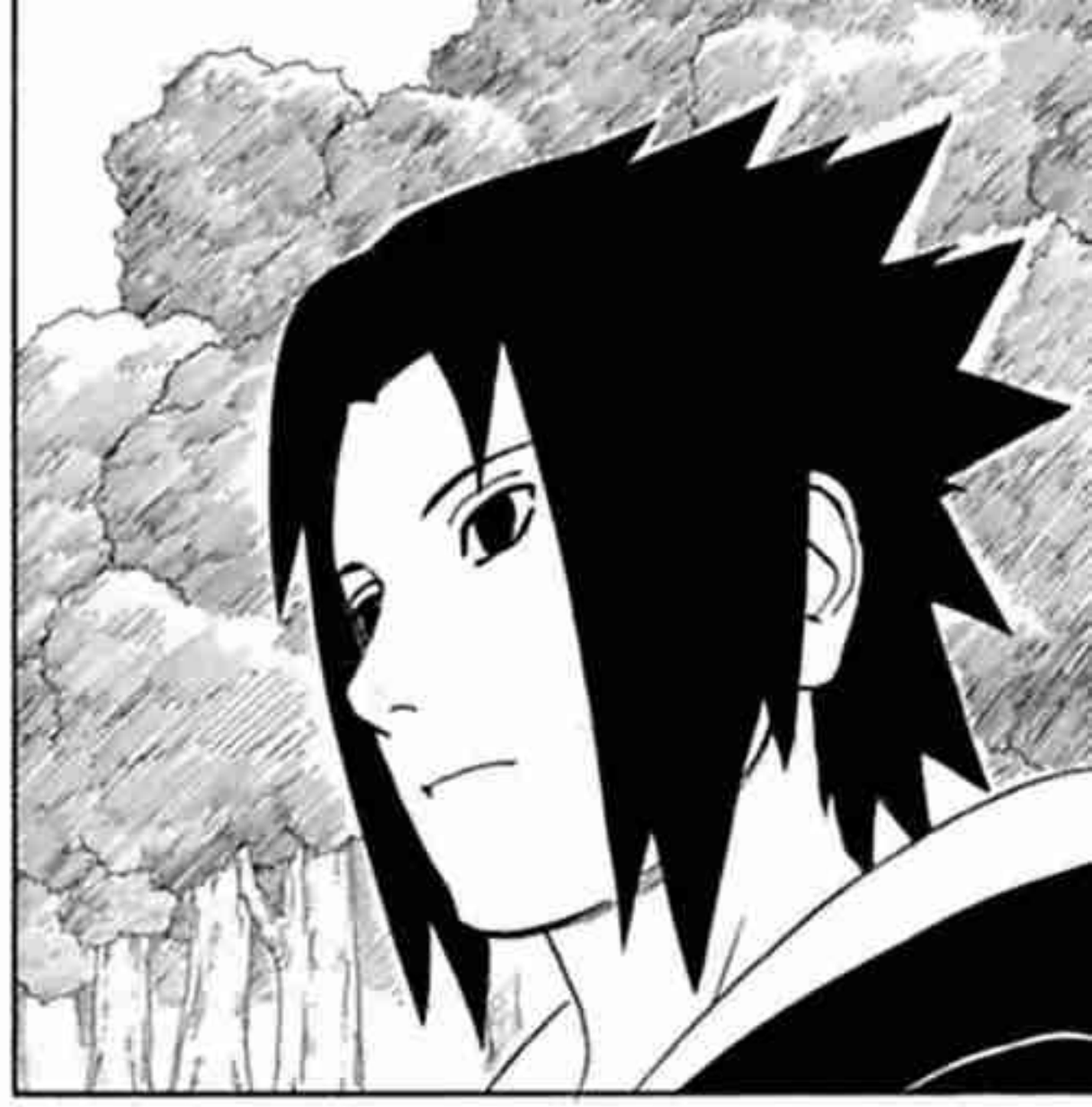


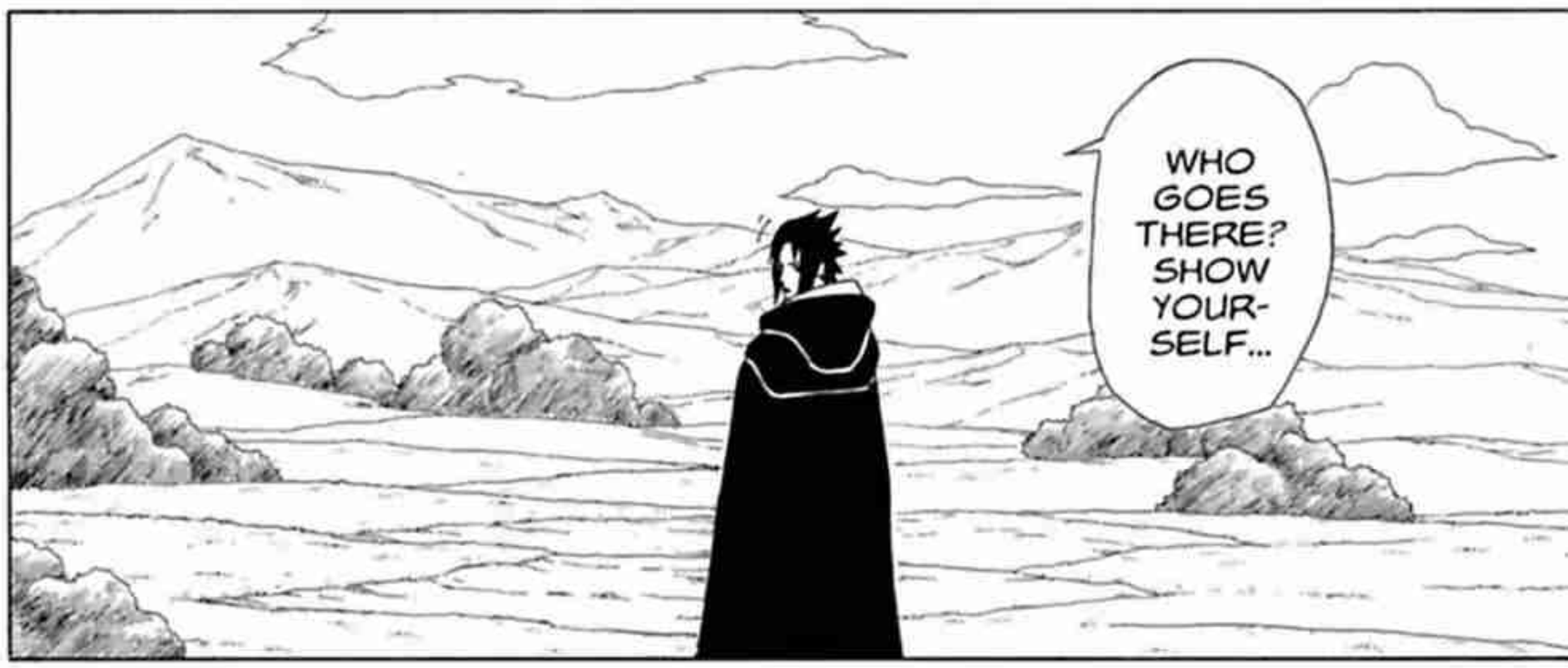
FFT...

Number 356: Collision...!!

NARUTO

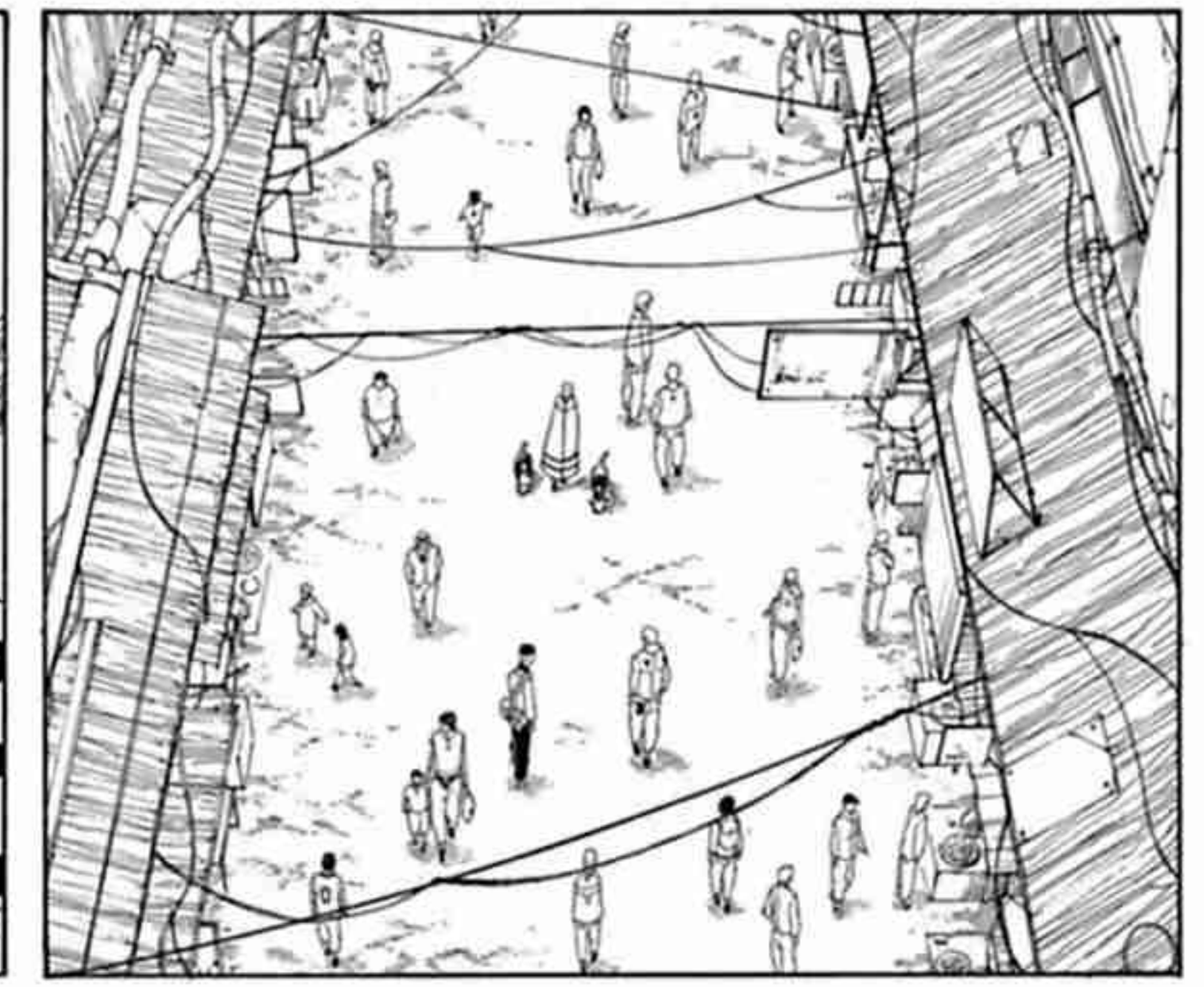
Number 356: Collision...!!

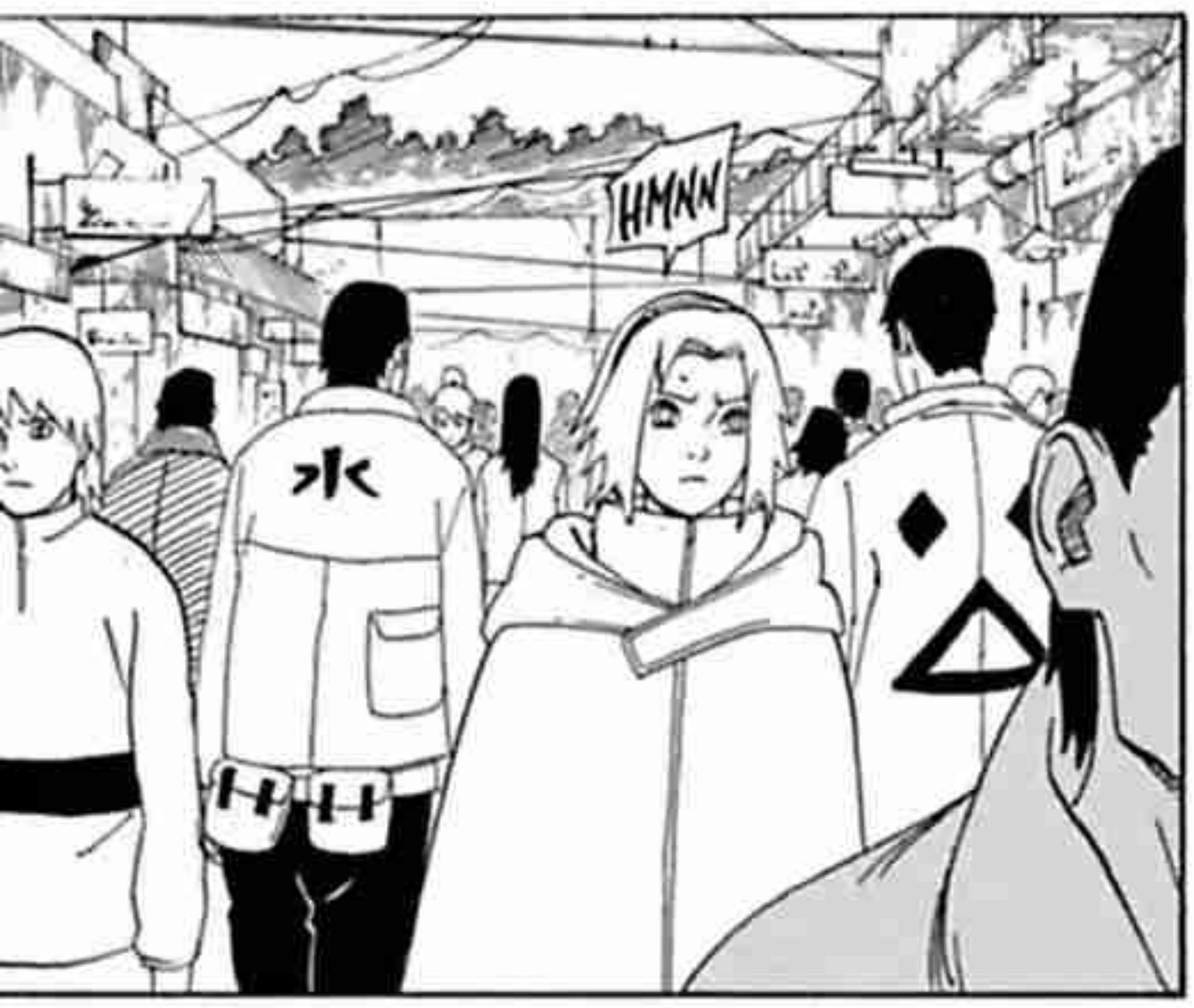



WHO GOES THERE? SHOW YOUR-SELF...

FFT

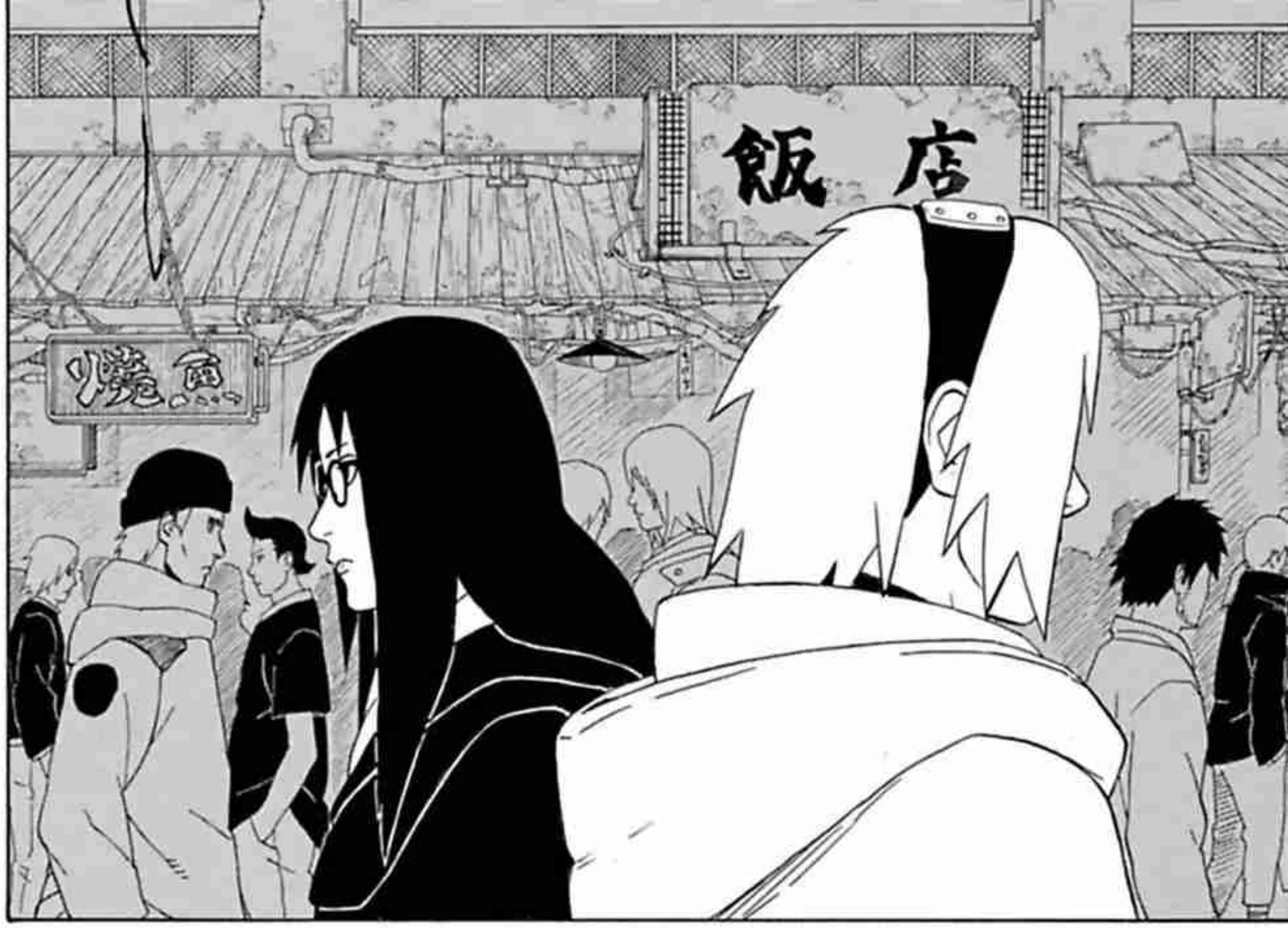
WELL?




HMMM

...BUT IT'S DEF-INITELY HEADING OUR WAY.
I CAN'T PIN-POINT IT BETTER ...
SNIFF SNIFF

WE'RE CLOSE ...!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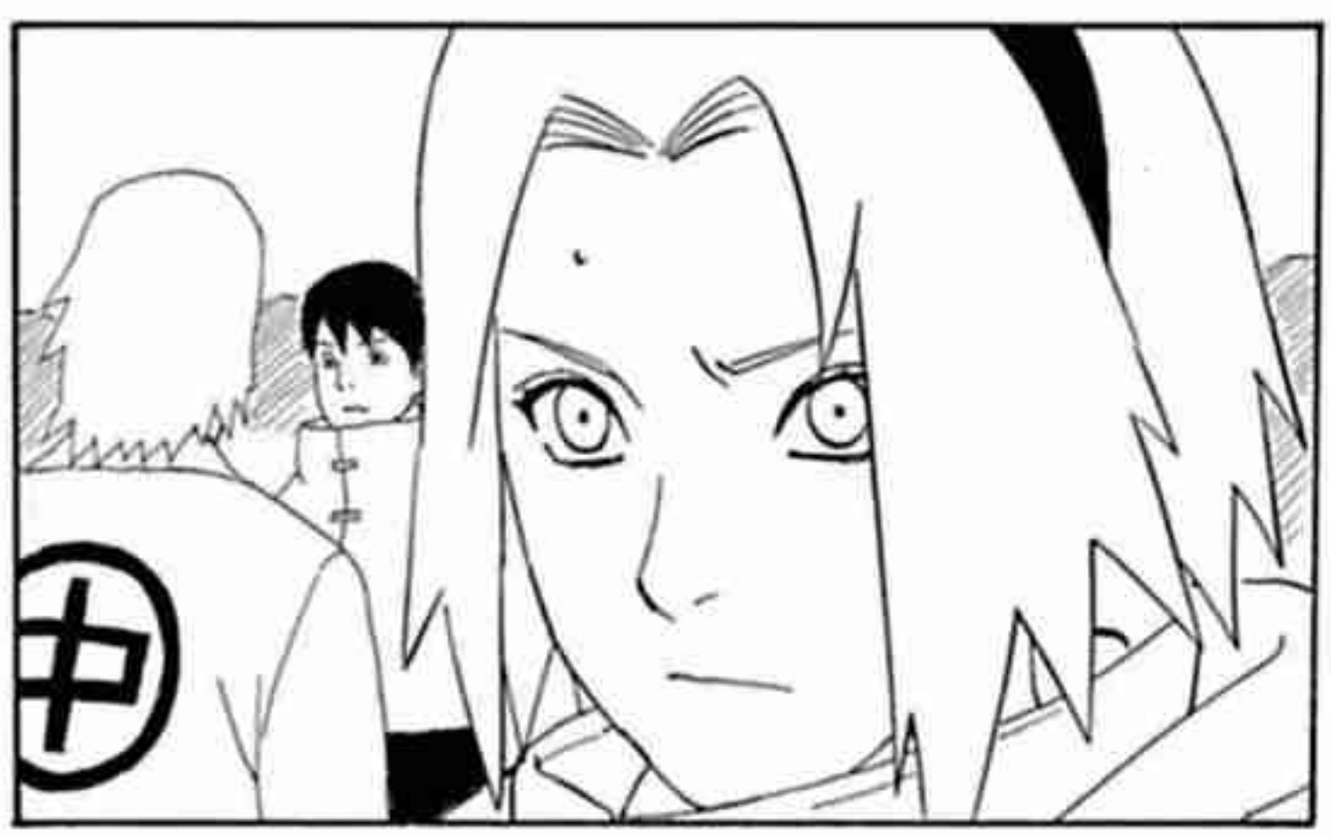
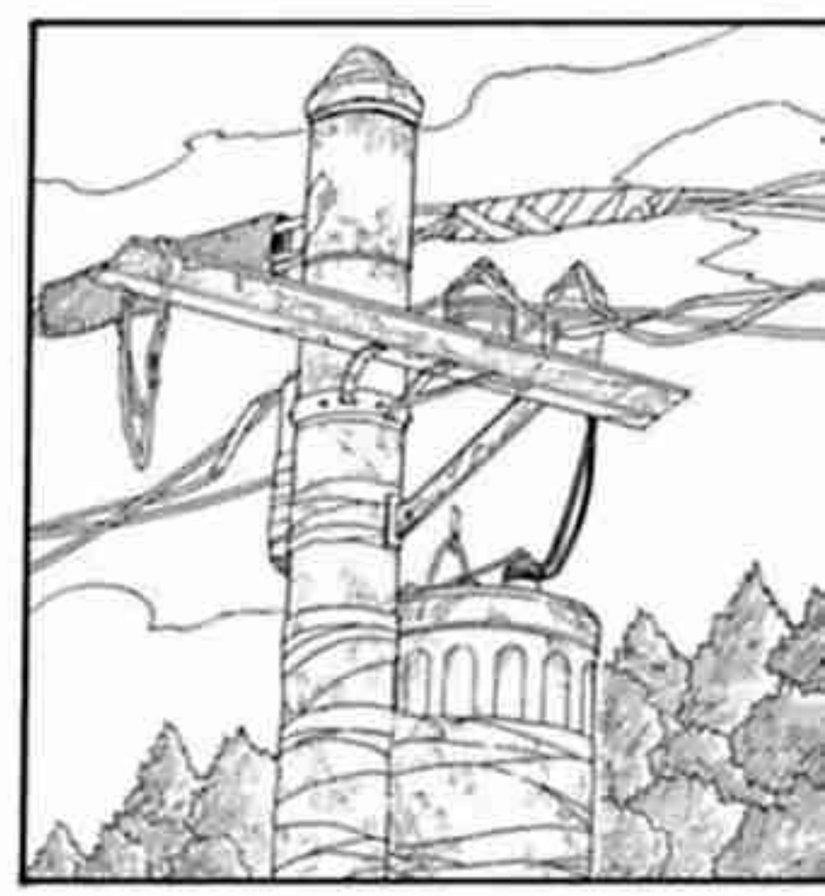


...IT'S NO GOOD...
NOW THE SCENT IS RECED-ING...



YUP...
YES.

NARUTO... HINATA...
...YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?

FFP

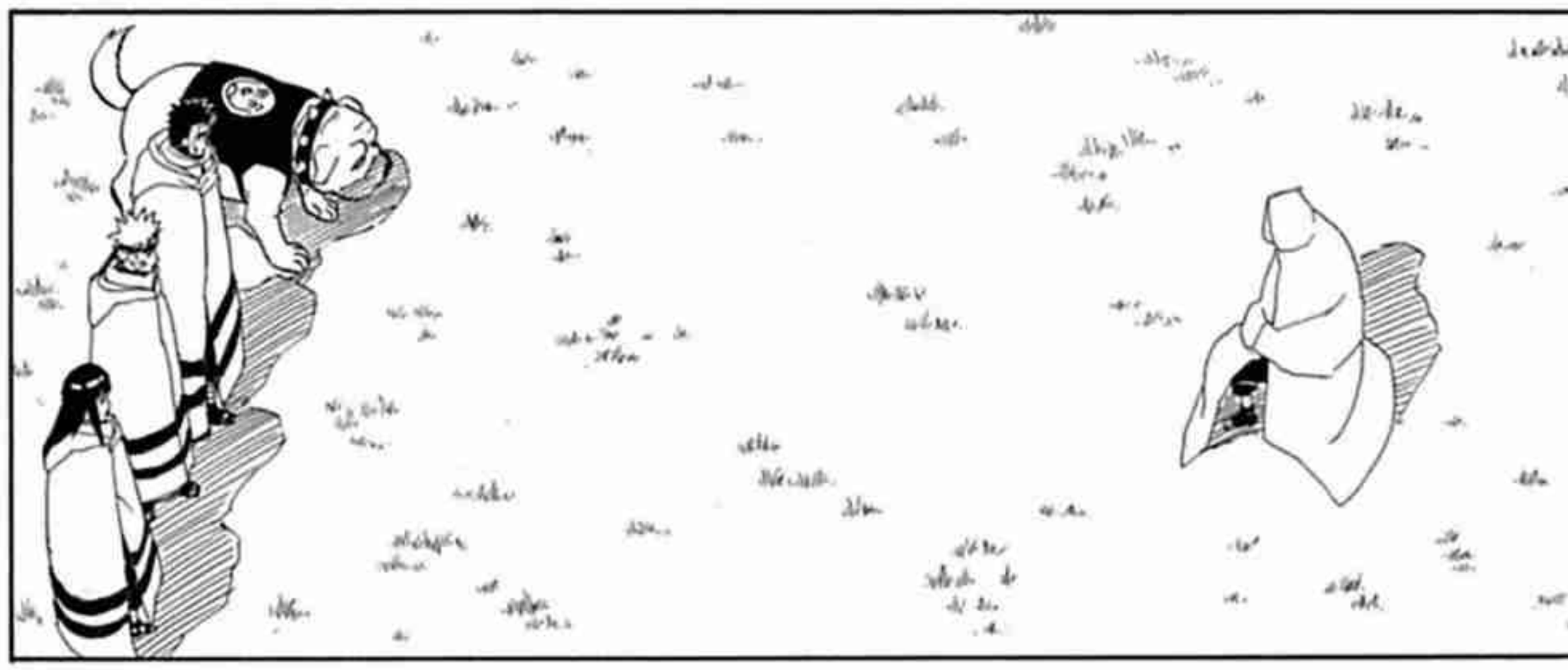
WHSSH

THOK
THOK

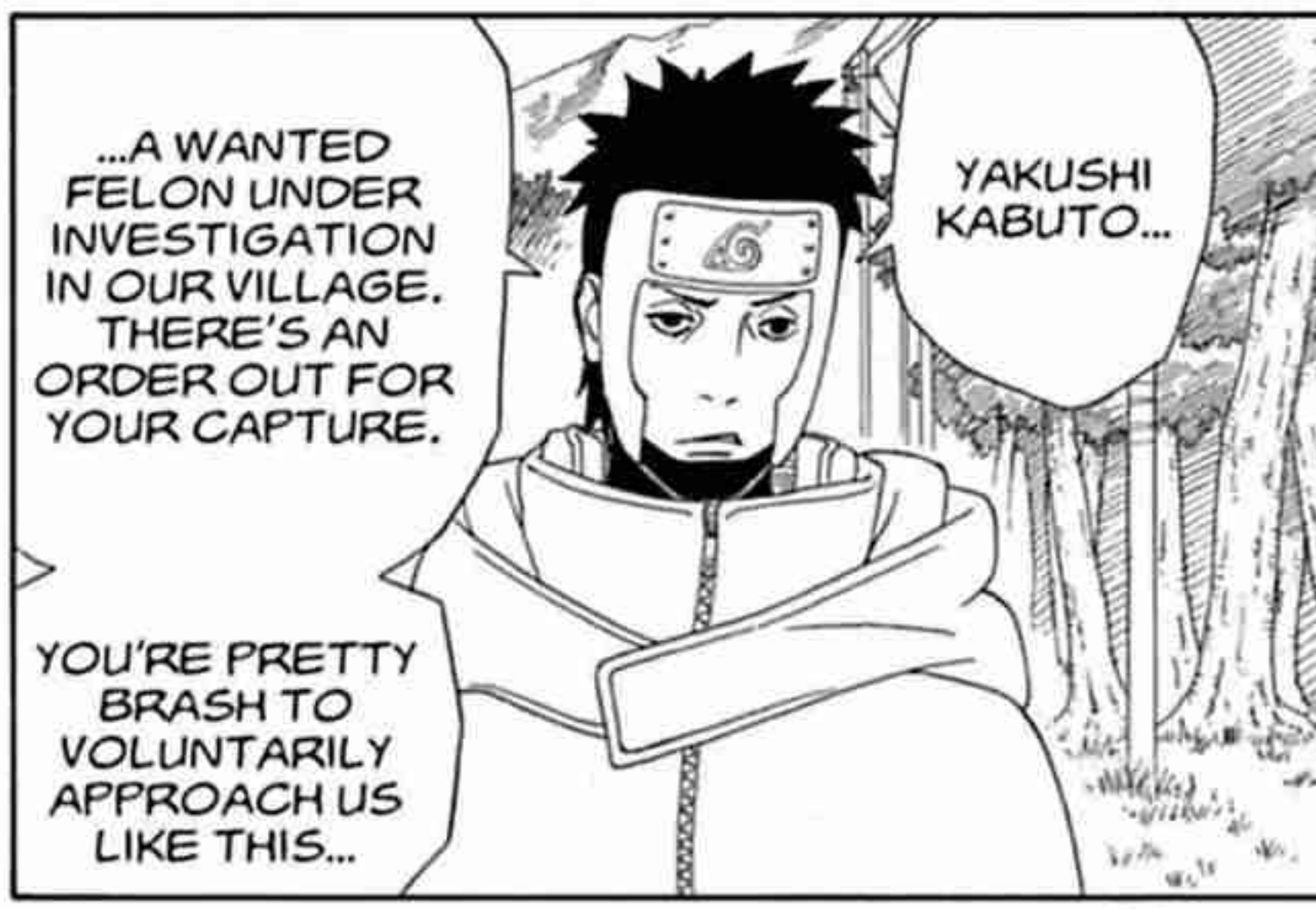
YOU...!
!

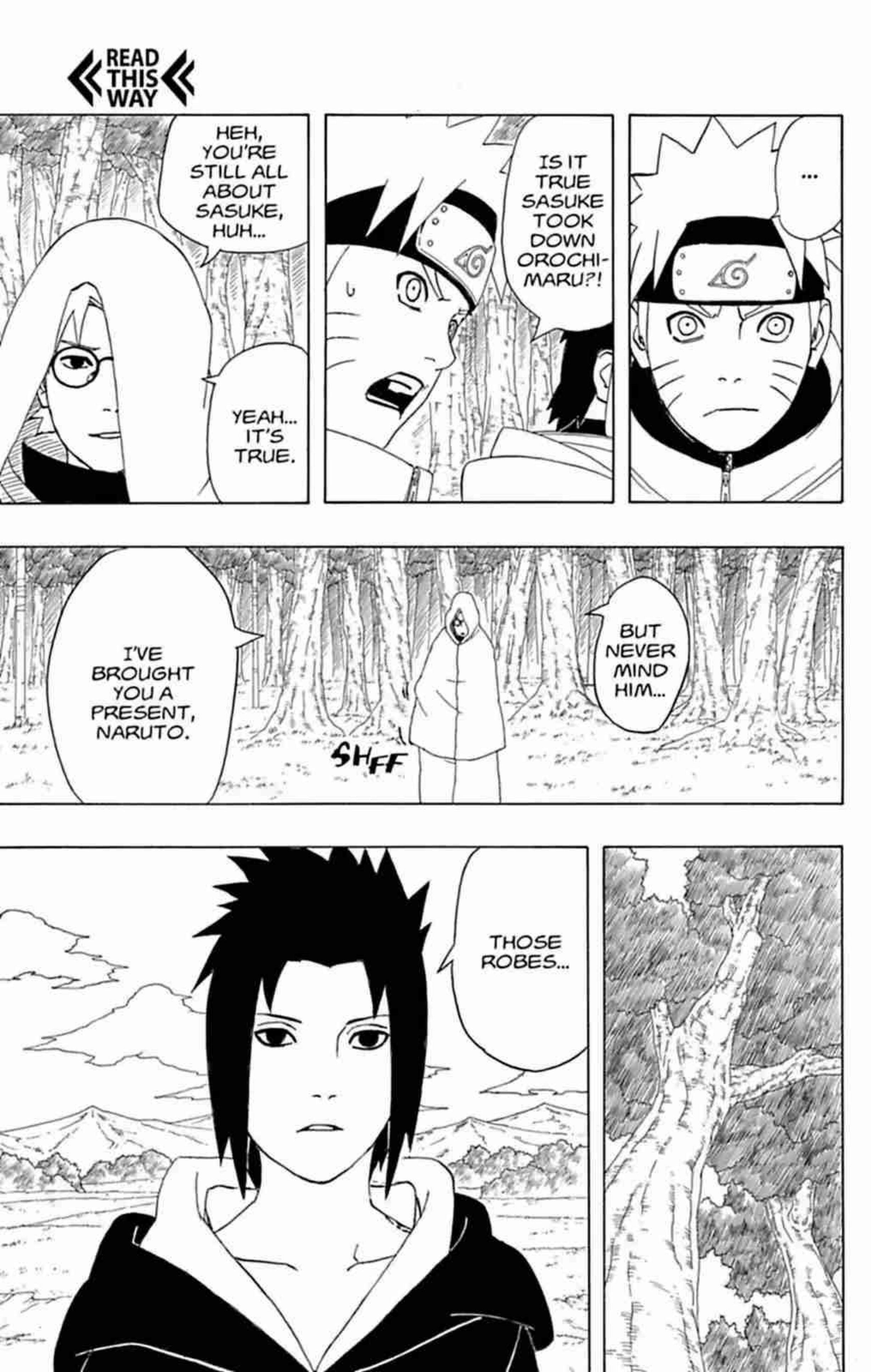
ME.

SHUT UP...



I WANTED TO HAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH NARUTO, YOU SEE.

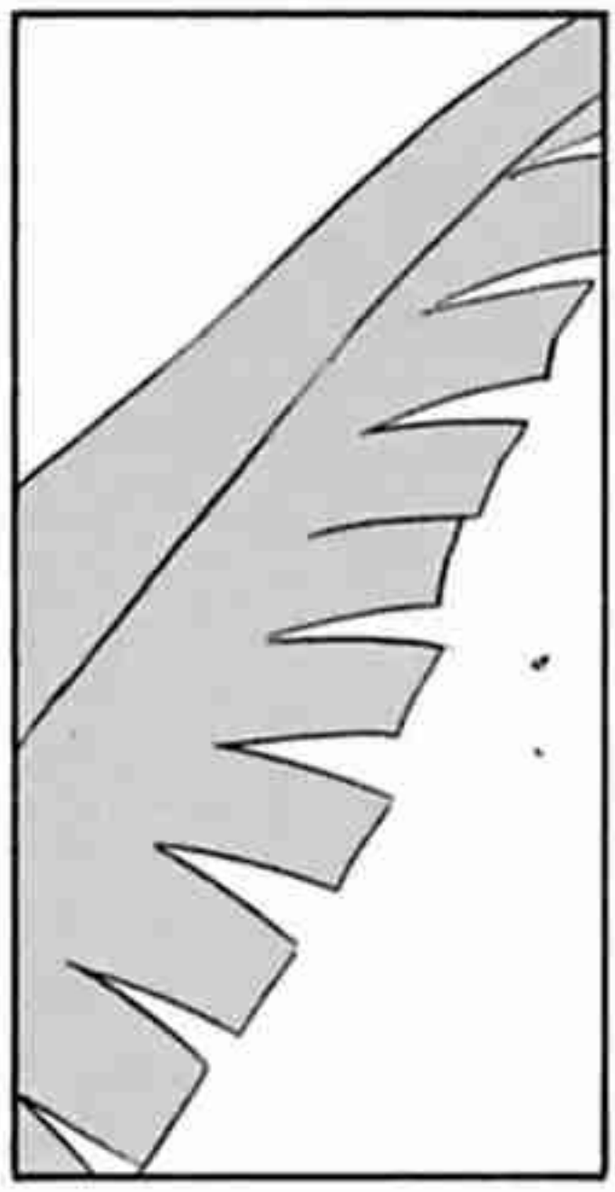

...A WANTED FELON UNDER INVESTIGATION IN OUR VILLAGE. THERE'S AN ORDER OUT FOR YOUR CAPTURE.
YAKUSHI KABUTO...
YOU'RE PRETTY BRASH TO VOLUNTARILY APPROACH US LIKE THIS...


READ THIS WAY
HEH, YOU'RE STILL ALL ABOUT SASUKE, HUH...
YEAH... IT'S TRUE.
IS IT TRUE SASUKE TOOK DOWN OROCHI-MARU?!
...
I'VE BROUGHT YOU A PRESENT, NARUTO.
SHFF
BUT NEVER MIND HIM...
THOSE ROBES...

HUH... YOU DO LOOK LIKE ITACHI!

SO YOU'RE SASUKE, EH...

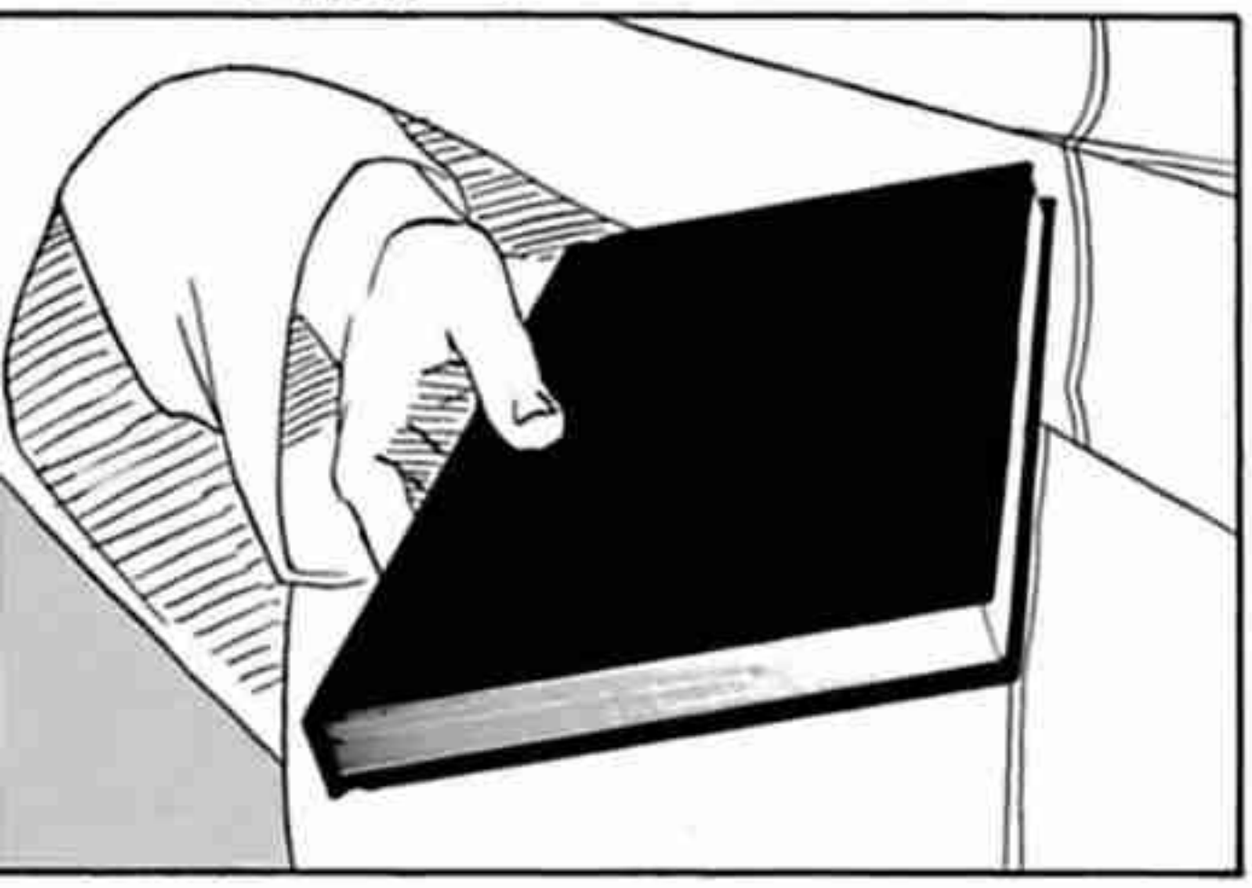
SHUP



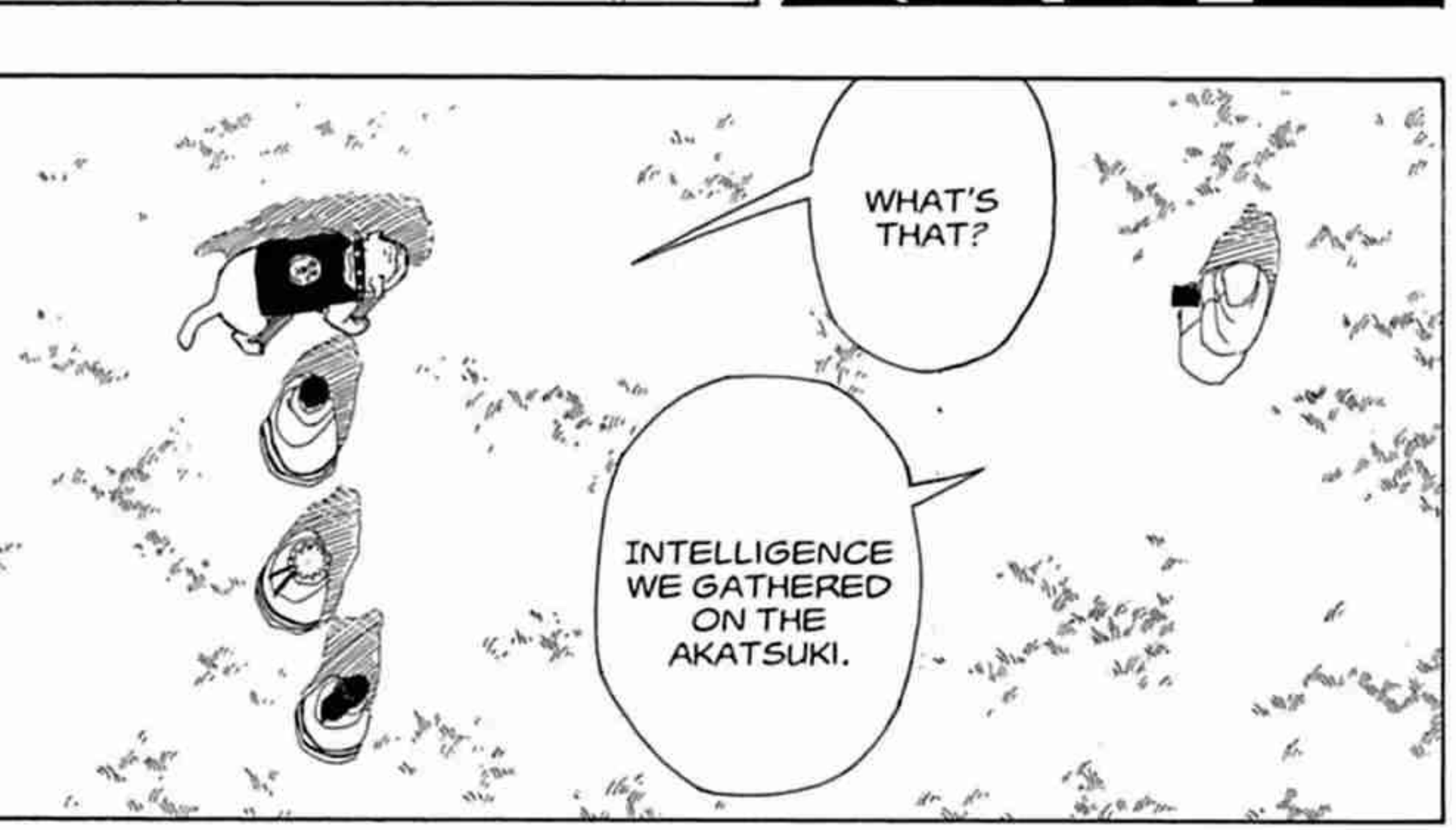
READ THIS WAY
!
!
YEEAAGH!
WHSSH

BO
ROO

TAK



HEH!


WHAT'S THAT?
INTELLIGENCE WE GATHERED ON THE AKATSUKI.

I'M GIVING IT TO YOU.

WHY SHOW IT TO US?

YOU'RE NOT WANTED BY THE AKATSUKI, ARE YOU?

THEN WHAT?

SO YOU'RE GOING TO BARGAIN WITH KONOHA?

...NOR AM I.

NO... I'M SURE KONOHA'S NOT THAT NAÏVE...

AND SINCE **HE'S** WANTED BY THE AKATSUKI.

IT'S A GIFT TO NARUTO, WITH ALL MY GRATITUDE.

...AFTER LORD OROCHI-MARU DIED...

...I STOPPED KNOWING WHO I WAS AGAIN...

I...

FOR A LONG TIME, THE IDEA OF HOME WAS ALIEN TO ME.

PICKED UP AND RAISED BY THE ENEMY WITH NO MEMORY OF MY PARENTS OR BIRTHPLACE...

...I WAS USED AS A SPY SINCE I WAS A CHILD, MOVING AROUND FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY, VILLAGE TO VILLAGE...

...OF NOT KNOWING WHO I AM, OF BEING WITHOUT AN IDENTITY... YOU'VE FELT IT TOO... HAVEN'T YOU, NARUTO?

THUMP

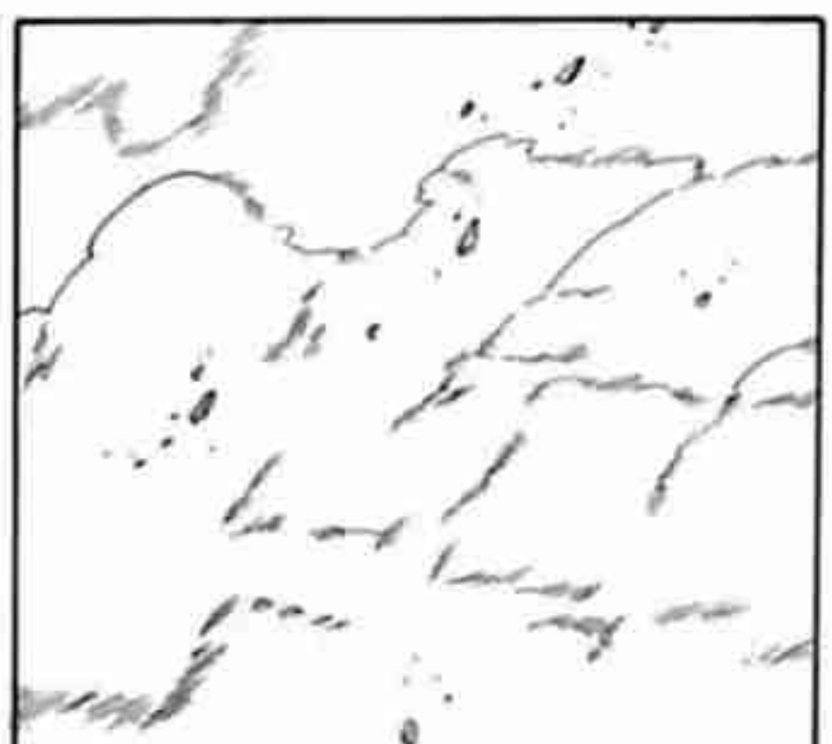
THIS PAIN I'M FEEL-ING...

BUT NOW HE'S GONE.

UNTIL I BECAME LORD OROCHI-MARU'S DISCIPLE...

WHSS

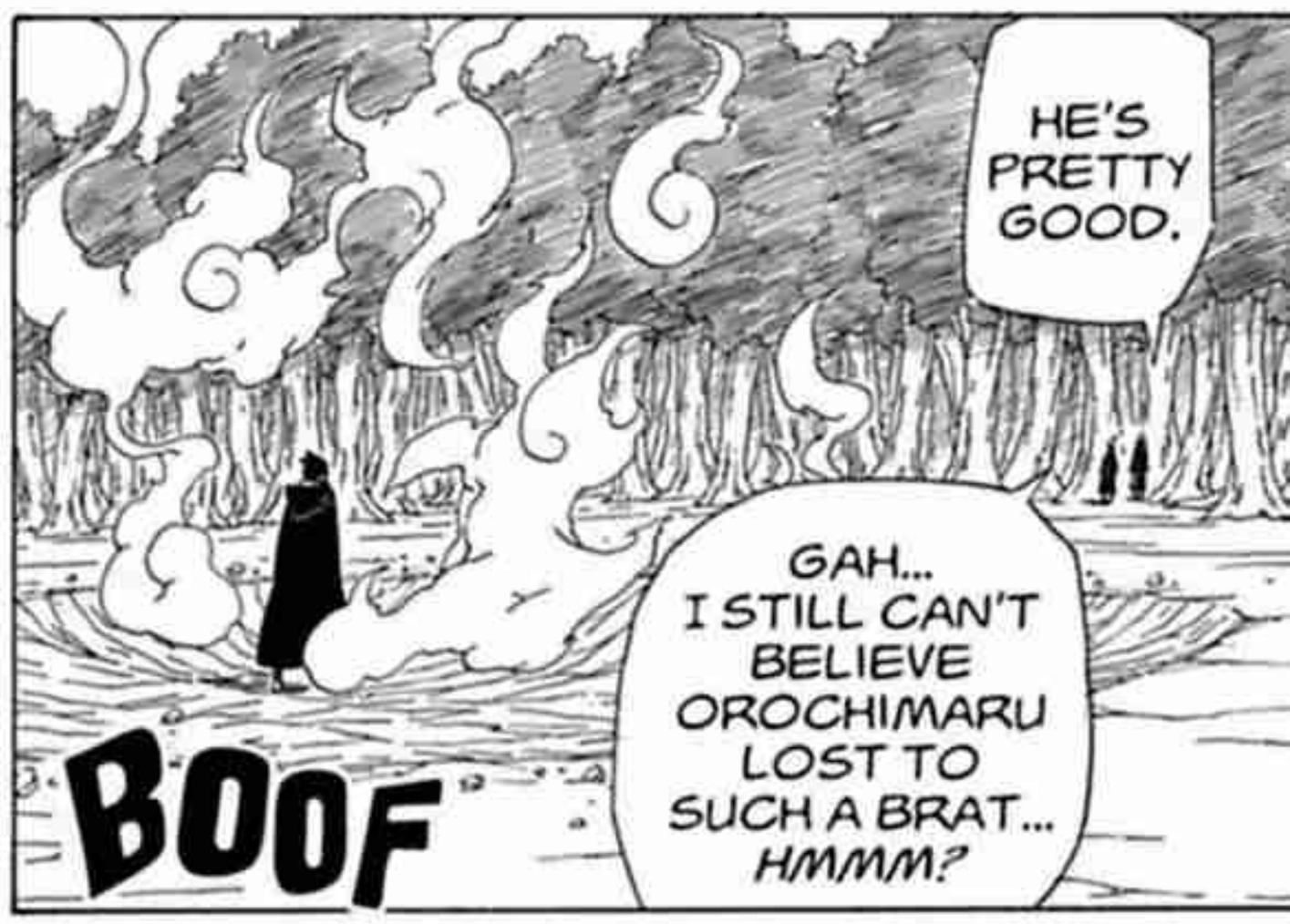
...



I KNOW YOU STRUGGLED WITH THAT IN THE PAST, WHEN EVERYONE WAS GIVING YOU COLD STARES.

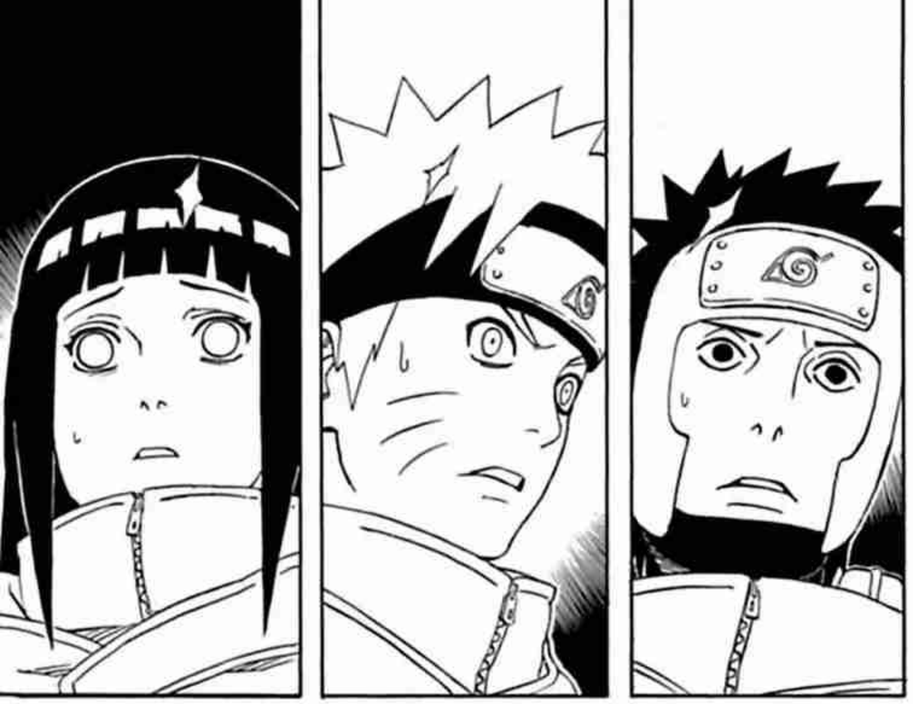
ARE YOU UZUMAKI NARUTO... OR THE NINE-TAILED FOX SPIRIT...?

FIZZ


HE'S PRETTY GOOD.
GAH... I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE OROCHIMARU LOST TO SUCH A BRAT... HMMM?
BOOF

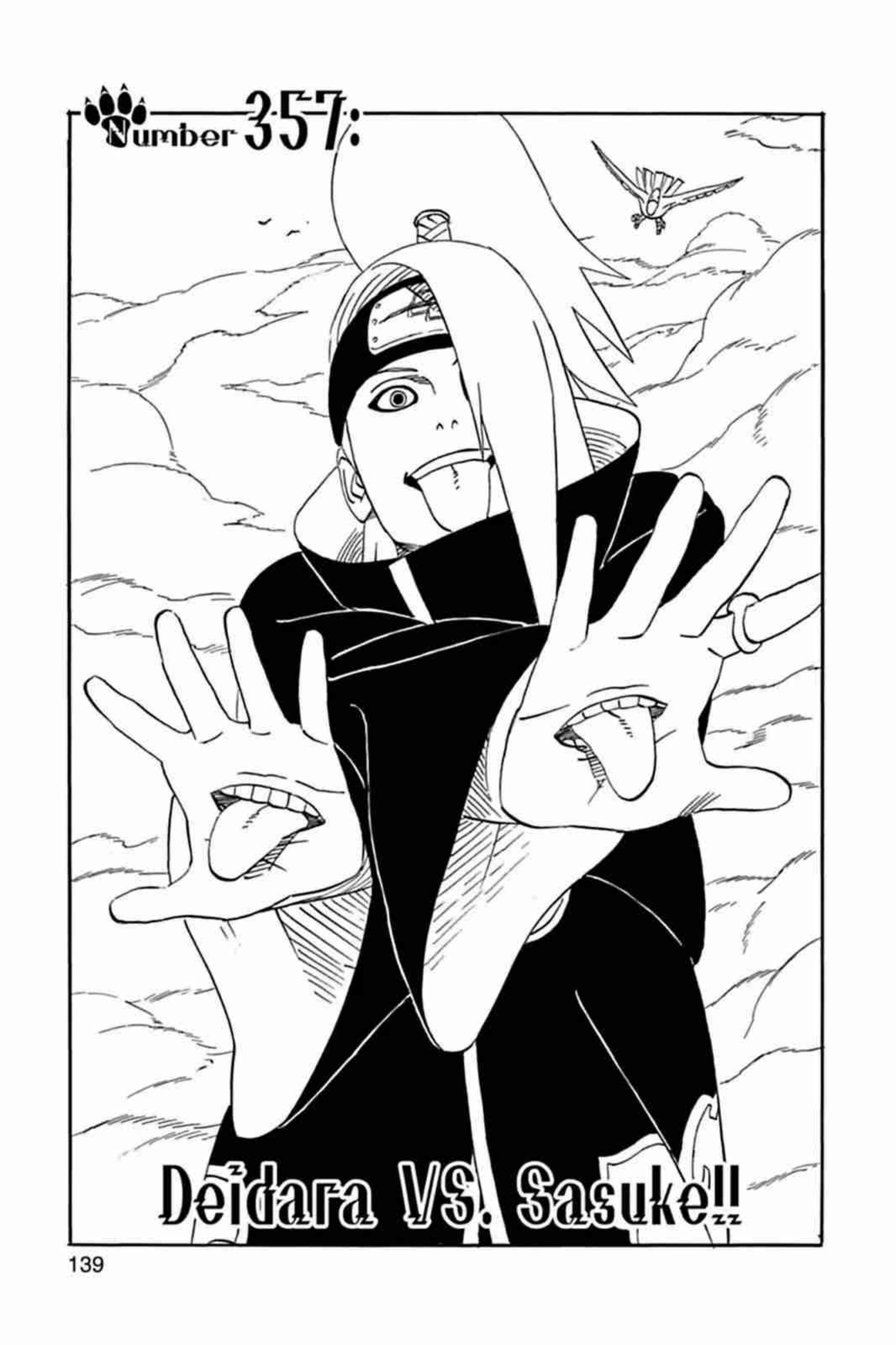
WE'LL HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO ITACHI LATER...
QUITE A CHALLENGE IN THOSE EYES, EH, TOBI?! HMMM?!

READ THIS WAY
...AND FOUGHT PAST THE STARES MEANT FOR NINE TAILS.
...BELIEVED IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH ...
...IN YOURSELF, AS UZUMAKI NARUTO...
BUT YOU...
BUT NOT ME... INSTEAD OF TRYING TO REACH BEYOND LORD OROCHIMARU ...
SST...
...I STUBBORNLY KEPT CLINGING TO HIS POWER.
...AND EARNED THE RESPECT OF YOUR COMRADES.
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE GAINED CONFIDENCE IN WHO YOU ARE...
THAT'S WHY...
SO I'VE DECIDED TO TRY AND BE LIKE YOU.
AT LONG LAST, I UNDERSTAND WHERE YOU'VE BEEN AND HOW YOU FELT...
...YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE ME AWARE OF ALL THIS.

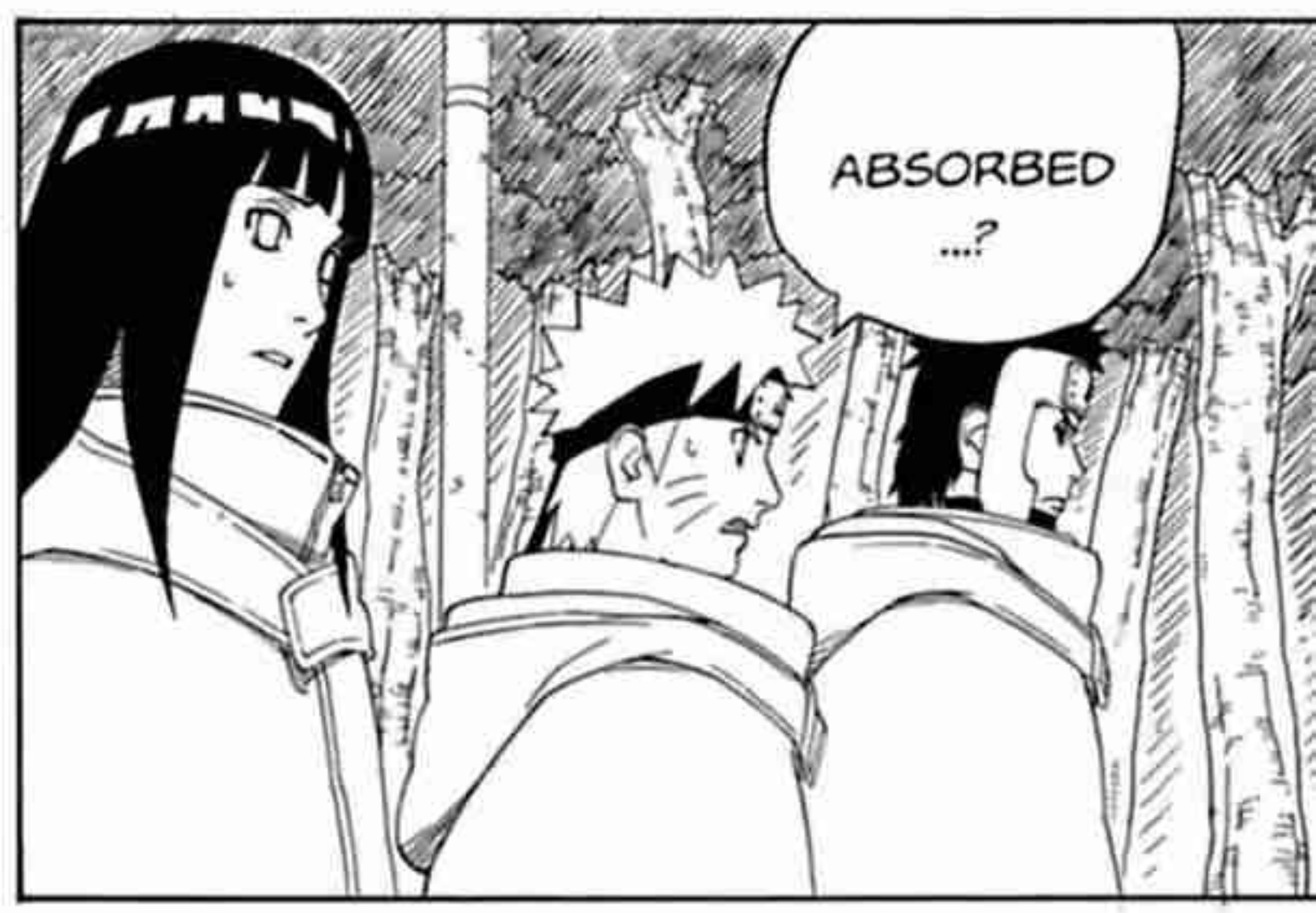


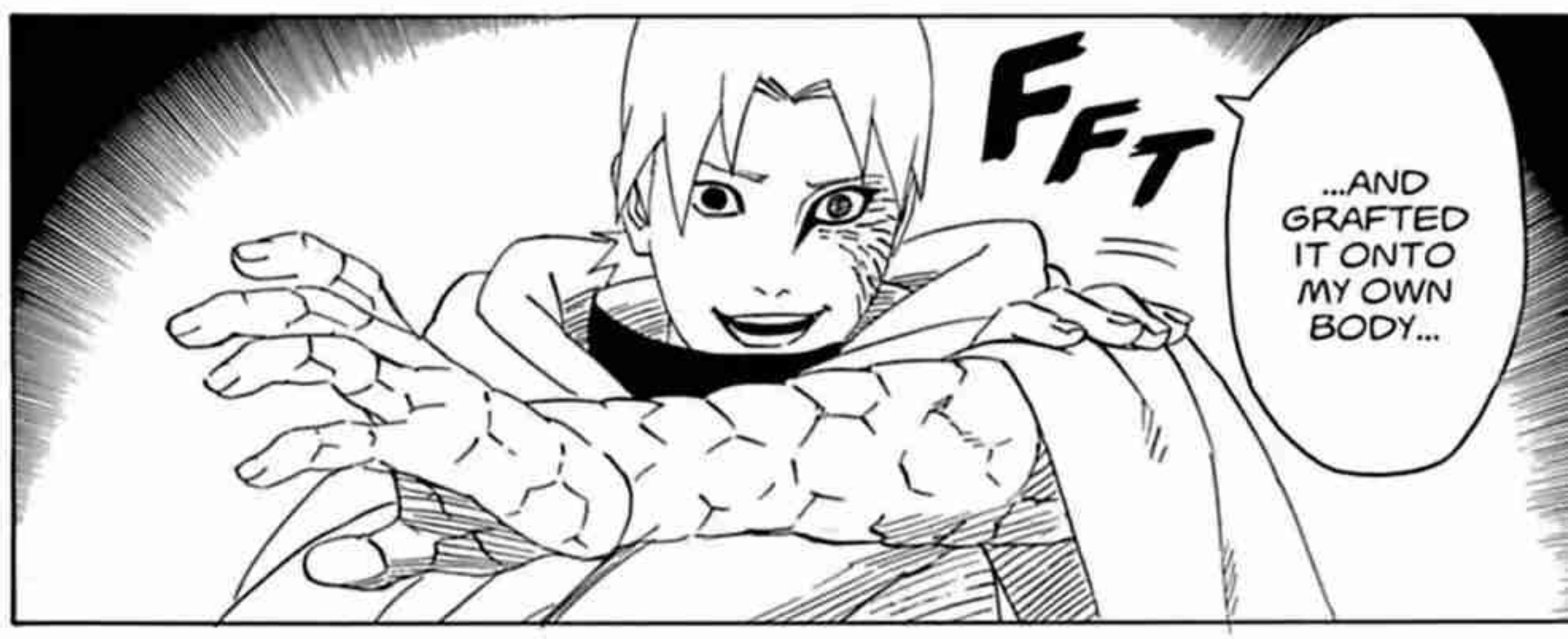
...I'M GOING TO USE WHAT I'VE ABSORBED OF OROCHIMARU...

...TO BECOME A BETTER, STRONGER YAKUSHI KABUTO!


Number 357:
Deidara VS. Sasuke!!

SEE...
I SIMPLY REMOVED A PORTION OF LORD OROCHI-MARU'S CORPSE AFTER SASUKE DEFEATED HIM...
SST


ABSORBED ...?


FFT
...AND GRAFTED IT ONTO MY OWN BODY...

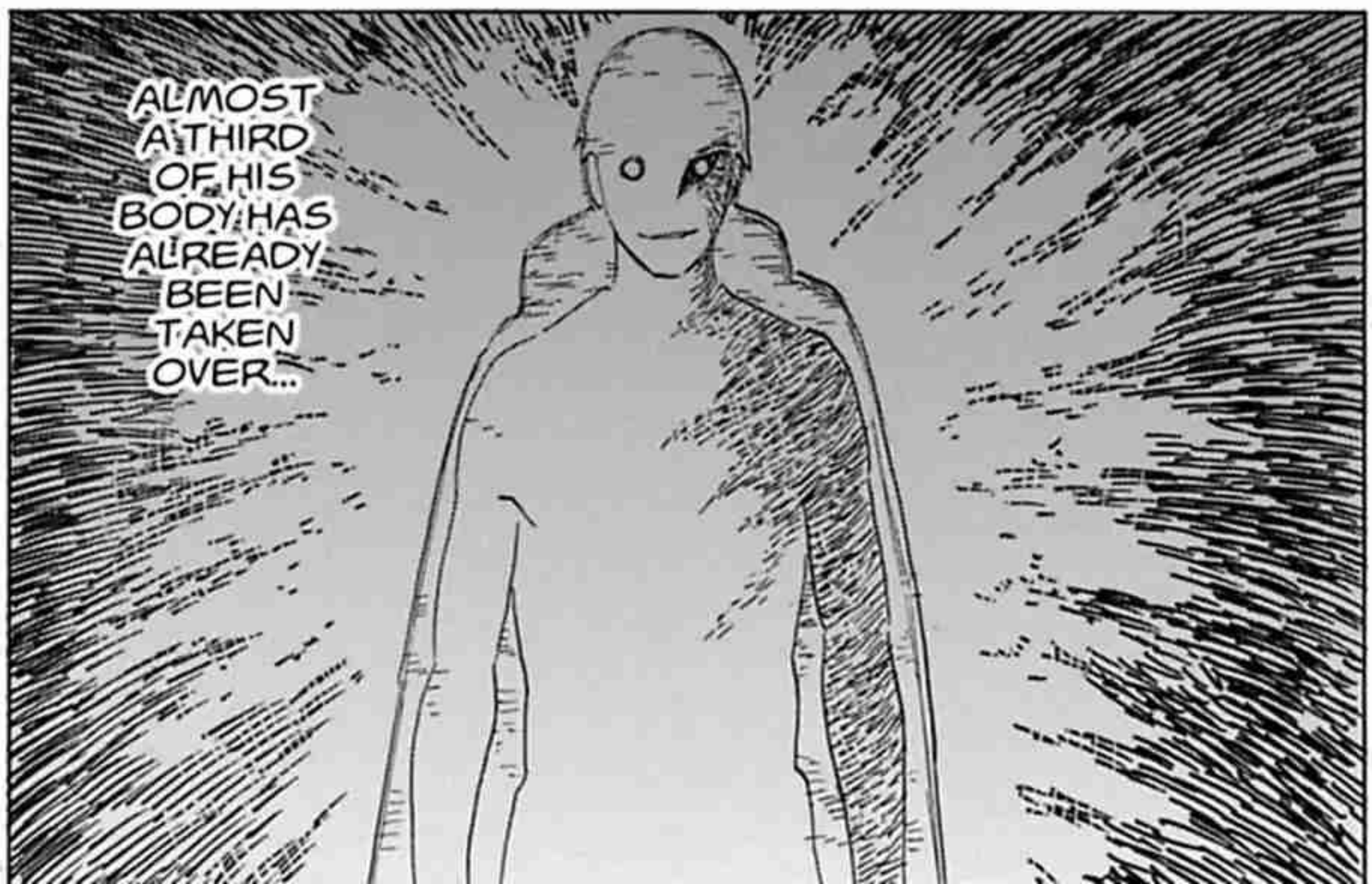
I CAN FEEL IT CONSUMING MY ENTIRE BODY...
OH, THE LIFE FORCE IT'S GIVEN ME!

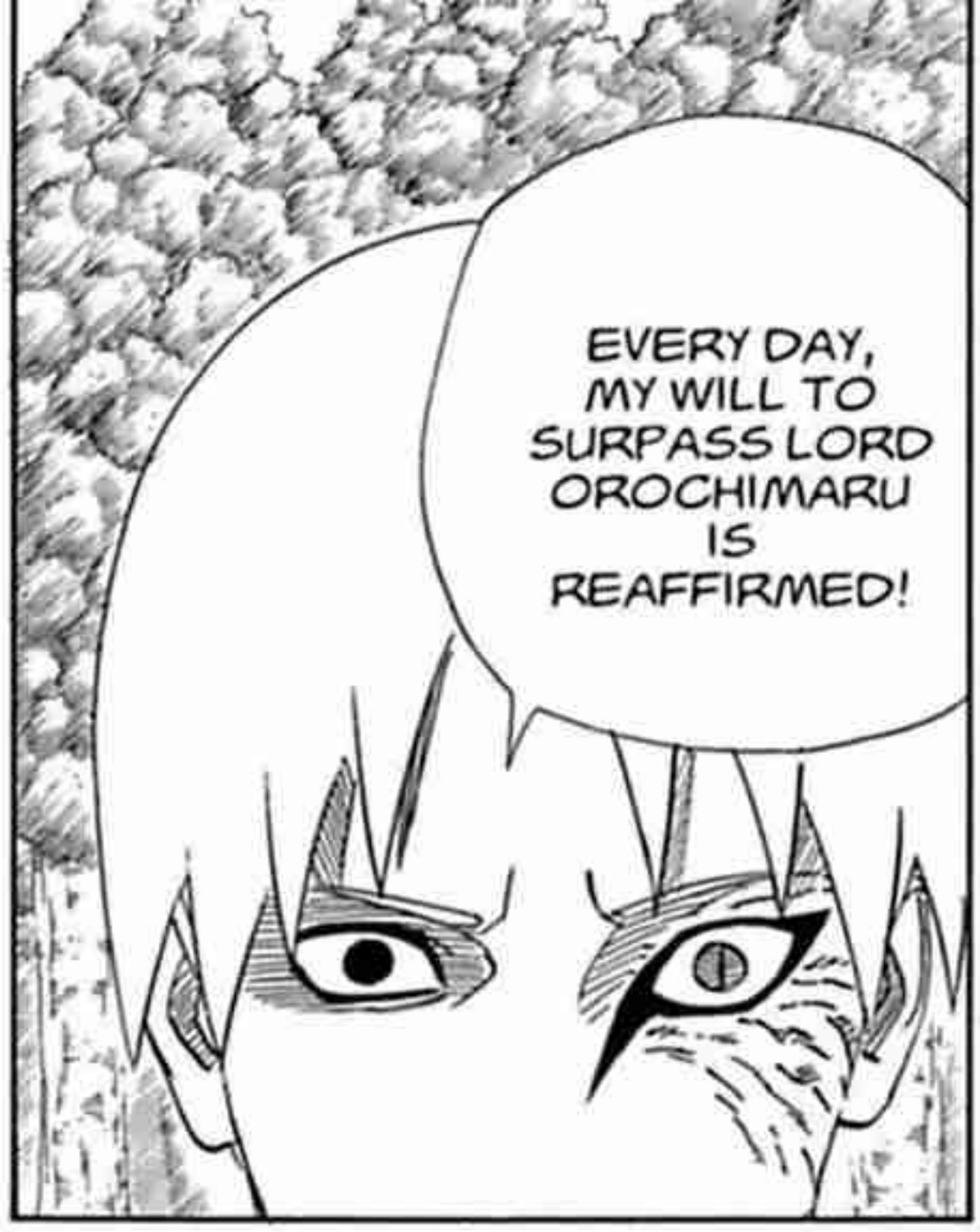
!

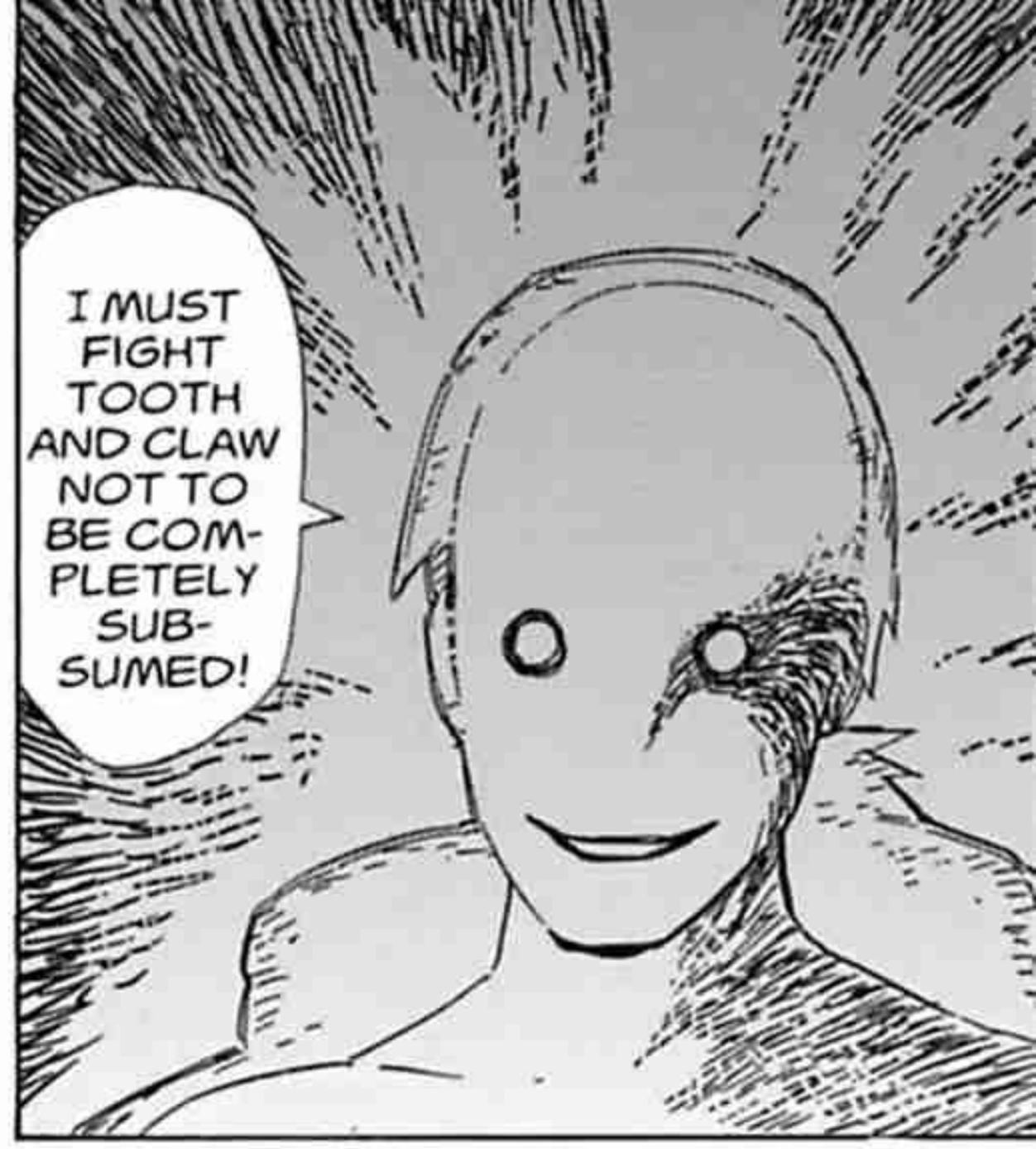
HRRRM...
BYAKU-GAN!

HUH? WHAT...
...

UNBELIEV-ABLE...


ALMOST A THIRD OF HIS BODY HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN OVER...


EVERY DAY, MY WILL TO SURPASS LORD OROCHIMARU IS REAFFIRMED!


I MUST FIGHT TOOTH AND CLAW NOT TO BE COMPLETELY SUBSUMED!

!
HEH.
!

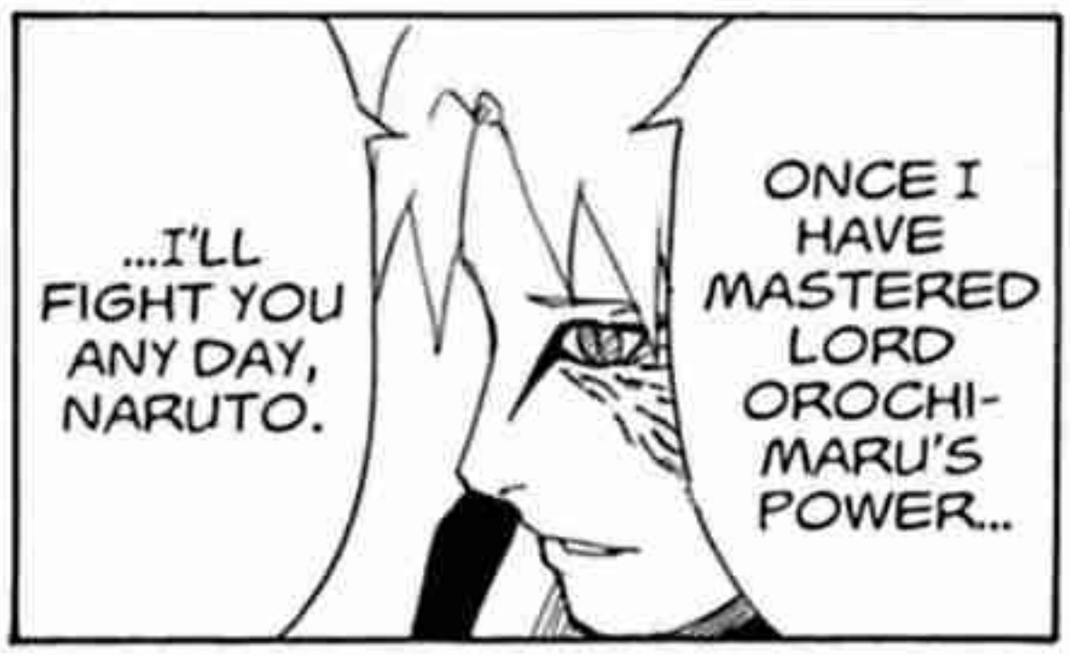
...

!
FROM INSIDE A KONOHA CAGE!!
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
ZOOSH

READ THIS WAY
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
!
TAK
NARUTO! BEHIND YOU!
GOTCHA!!
HA!
!
SHUSH
!

FAP
GAH...

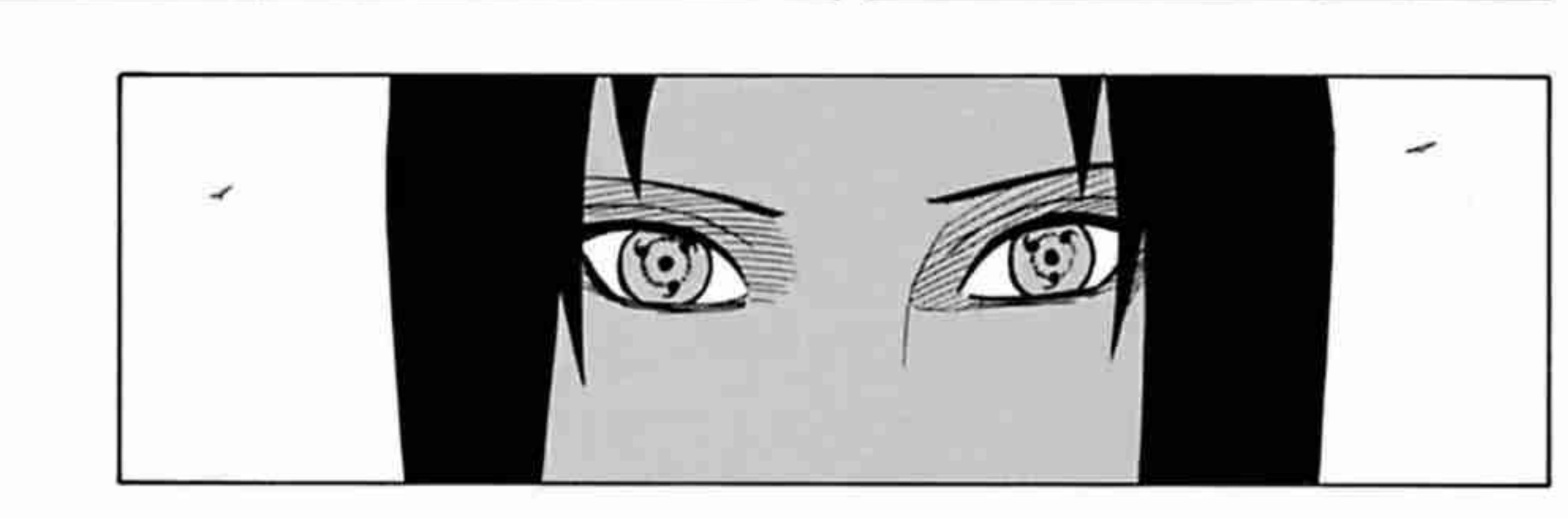
HYA-HA HA HA HA!

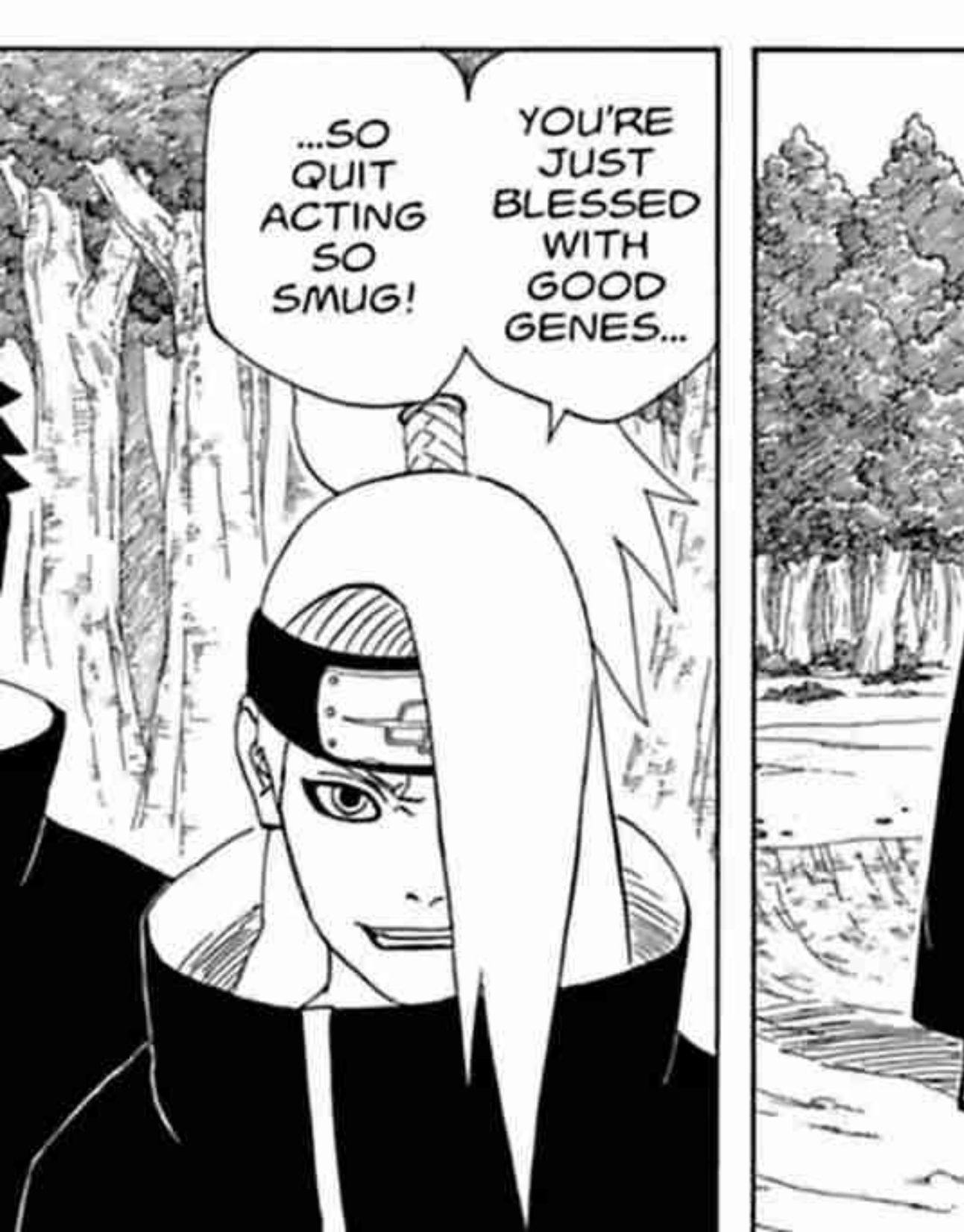

...I'LL FIGHT YOU ANY DAY, NARUTO.
ONCE I HAVE MASTERED LORD OROCHI-MARU'S POWER...

FFT

BE SEEING YOU...

...IS HIS KILLER, SASUKE.
BUT MY FIRST PRIOR-ITY...
!




...SO QUIT ACTING SO SMUG!
YOU'RE JUST BLESSED WITH GOOD GENES...

YOU WERE ONLY ABLE TO KILL OROCHIMARU THANKS TO UCHIHA BLOOD... HMMM?
SHARINGAN, EH... HE REALLY IS ITACHI'S LITTLE BROTHER.

!!
HE'S FAST!

HUH?

SLAK

SH

ONE DOWN...

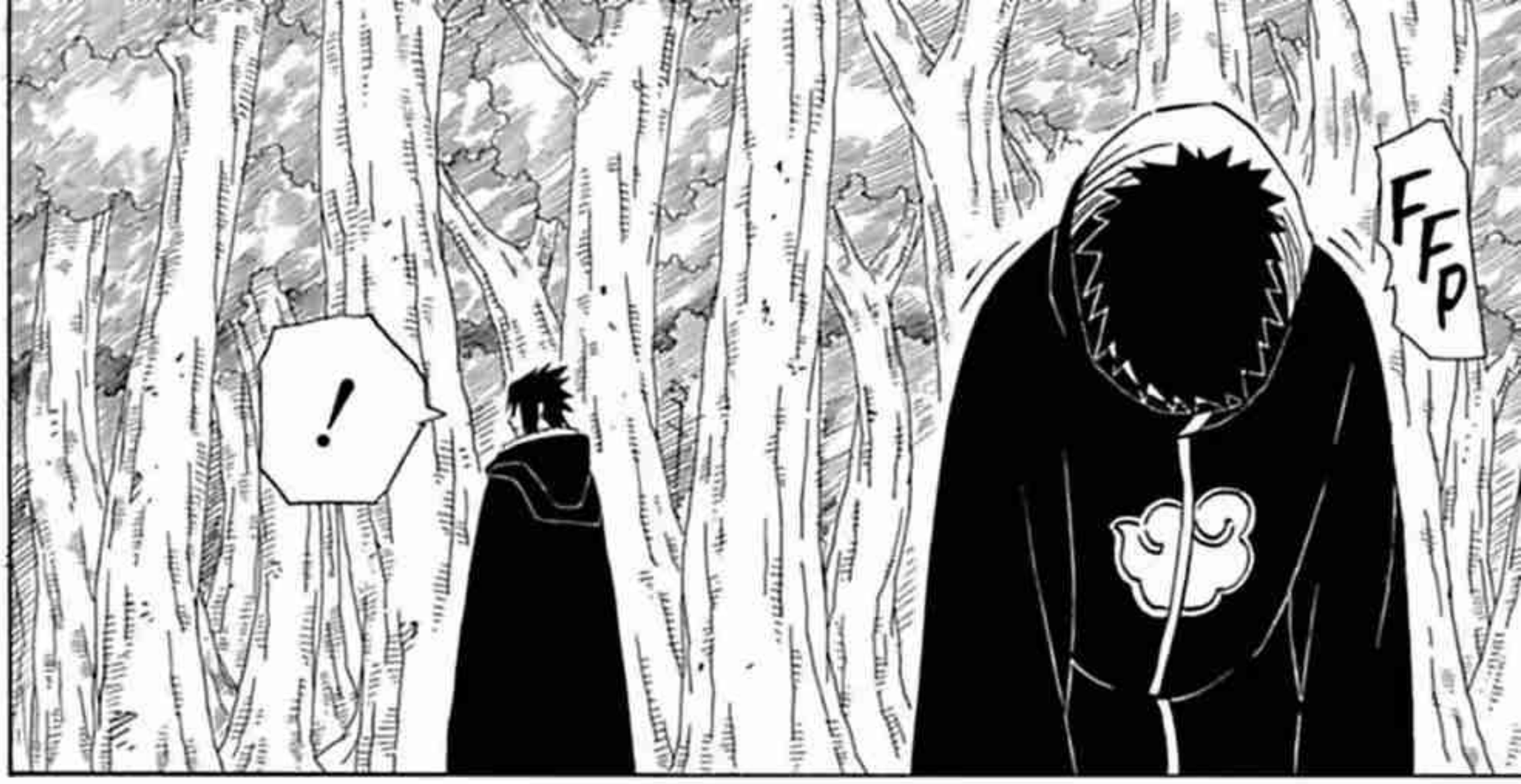
NOW, CHATTER-BOX, YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME ALL ABOUT ITACHI...

THUMP

SST...

TAK

THAP


!
FFP

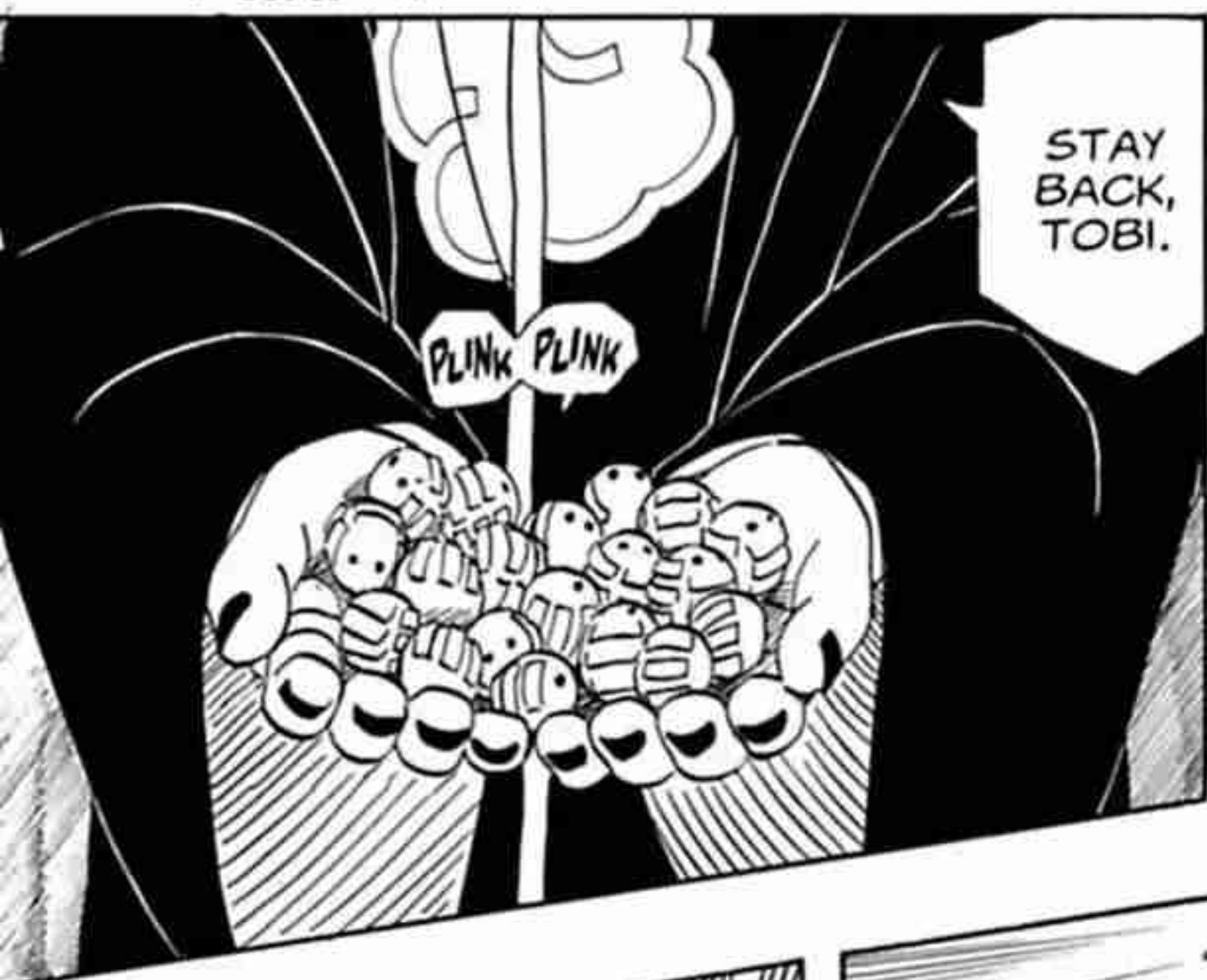
HIS TELEPORTATION JUTSU MAKES HIM TOO FAST FOR BOTH OF US!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TOBI?!
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN WITH THIS BRAT JUST 'CUZ HE'S A KID, HMMM?!

HE'S...

CHOMP
CHOMP

LET ME SIZE HIM UP WITH SOME CHAKRA LEVEL C1 EXPLOSIVES FIRST.
AAAH

SHUG


STAY BACK, TOBI.
PLINK PLINK

!

FWOP

PTING
PTING
WHSS

BZZZ

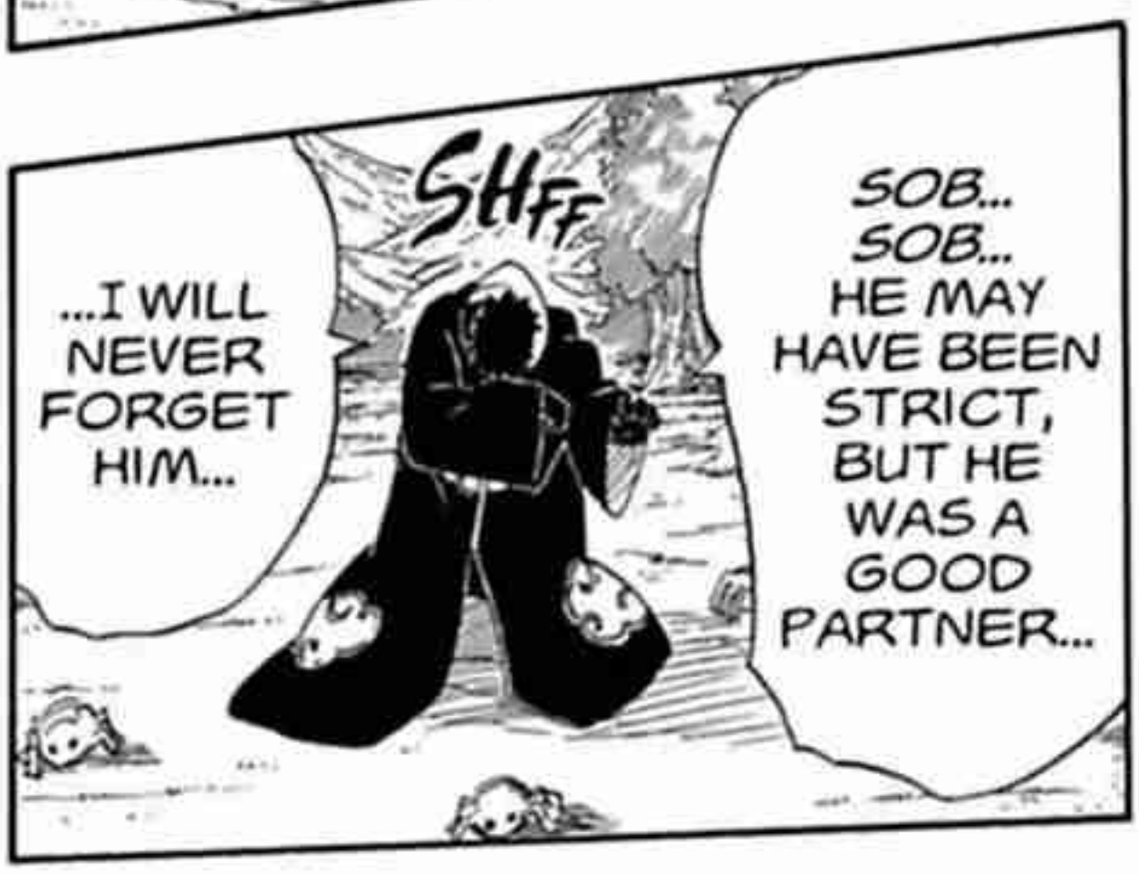
BOOF
B-B-BOOF
WAAH!
BOOF

SHIIIIIII
ZIZZIP
THUP
THOCK
WAAAH!
TIME OUT, PARTNER! DON'T YEEAAGH YET!!
THOCK
THOCK
THOCK
THOCK
THOCK
THOCK

READ THIS WAY
GAH...
!
BEHIND YOU!! LOOK OUT!!
DEIDARA !
UGH!
FFFT
YEE-HAH!

BO

!


SHFF
...I WILL NEVER FORGET HIM...
SOB... SOB... HE MAY HAVE BEEN STRICT, BUT HE WAS A GOOD PARTNER...

DEIDARA !!

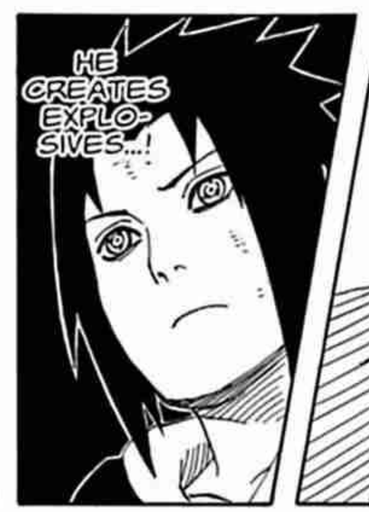
GOOD THING I KEPT THE CHAKRA LEVEL AT C1...
I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO ESCAPE, HIDDEN IN THE BOMB BLAST...

OH, WILL YOU SHUT UP... HMMM?
HEY! YOU'RE ALIVE!
SCREECH

READ THIS WAY
...WHICH MEANS C2 IS MY BEST BET.
SQUICH
CLAP
TOBI'S RIGHT. HE'S TOO QUICK.
BOOF
!
TH-THAT'S ...
FFT

AS DIS-CUSSED...!
YESSIREE, PARTNER!

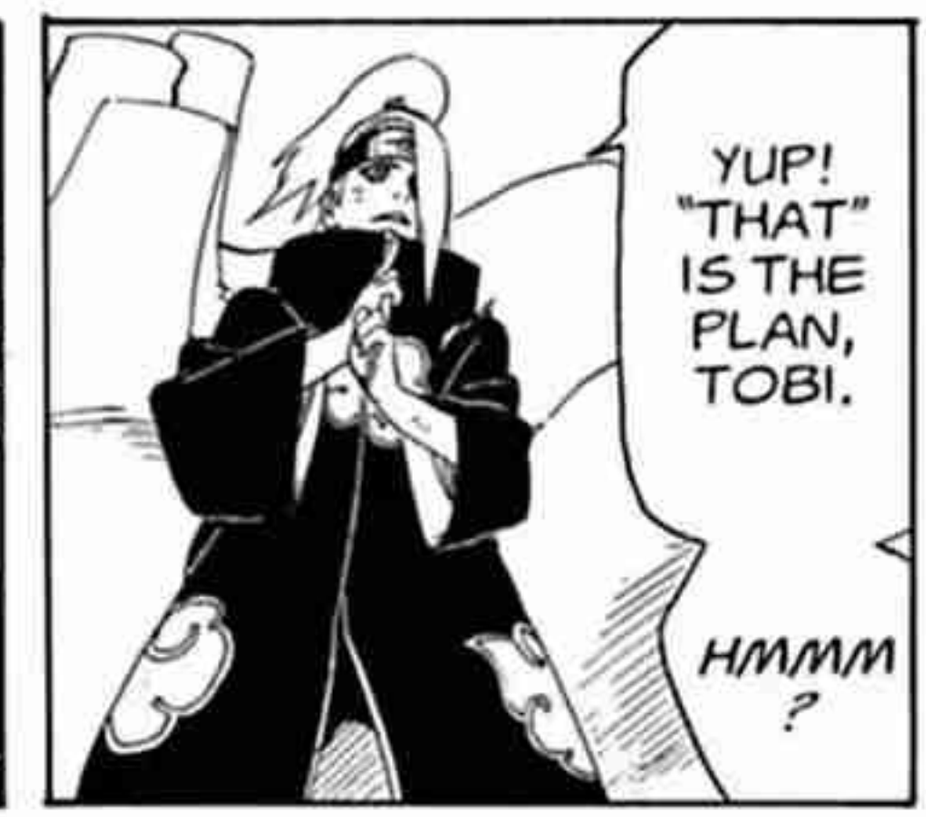
THAP
TOBI, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?!!

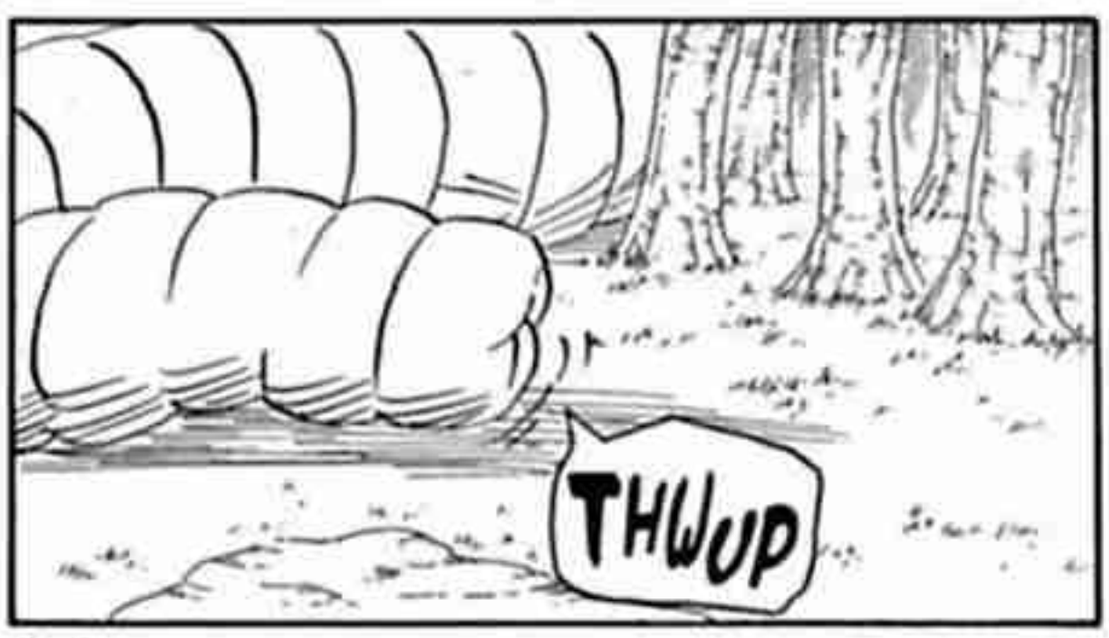

HE CREATES EXPLO-SIVES...!

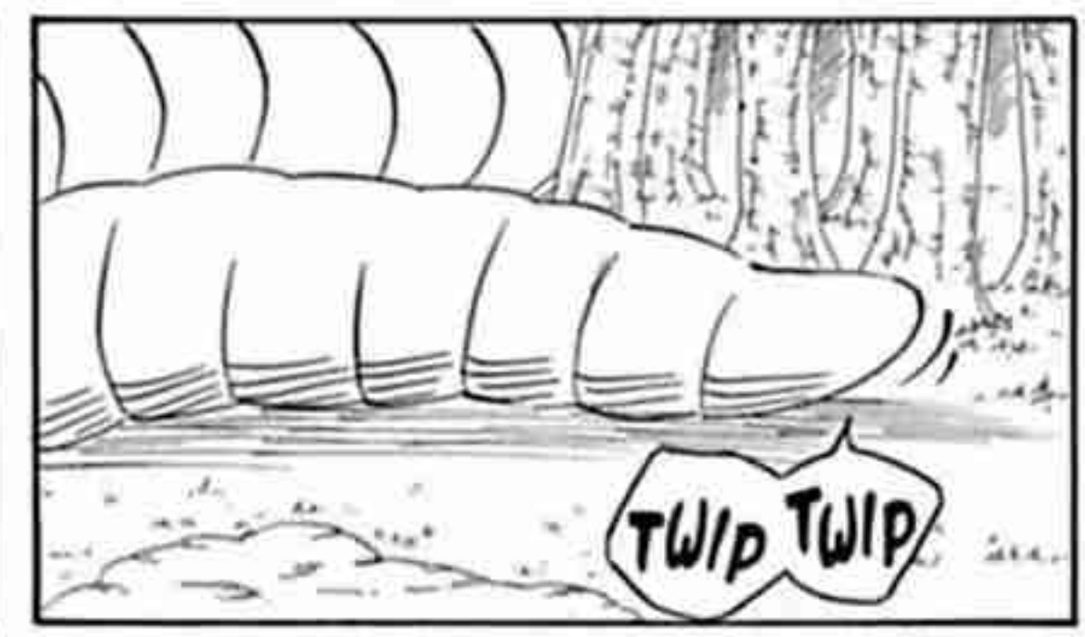
PRESENTING ONE OF MY PARTNER'S SIGNATURE PIECES, THE C2 DRAGON!
TA-DAA!

TAK

Number 358: Chasing C2!!







PLINK-PLANK-PLINK

SPROING

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, TOBI.

YESSIR!

BRAAAP

READ THIS WAY
POP IS DEAD!
MY ART IS SUPER-FLAT, HMMM?!
LET'S SHOW HIM THE POWER OF YOUR POP ART, PART-NER!
HERE HE COMES!
AAAHH
!
WHSSH
HOOSH
YEEAAOH!

VER
ZZZ

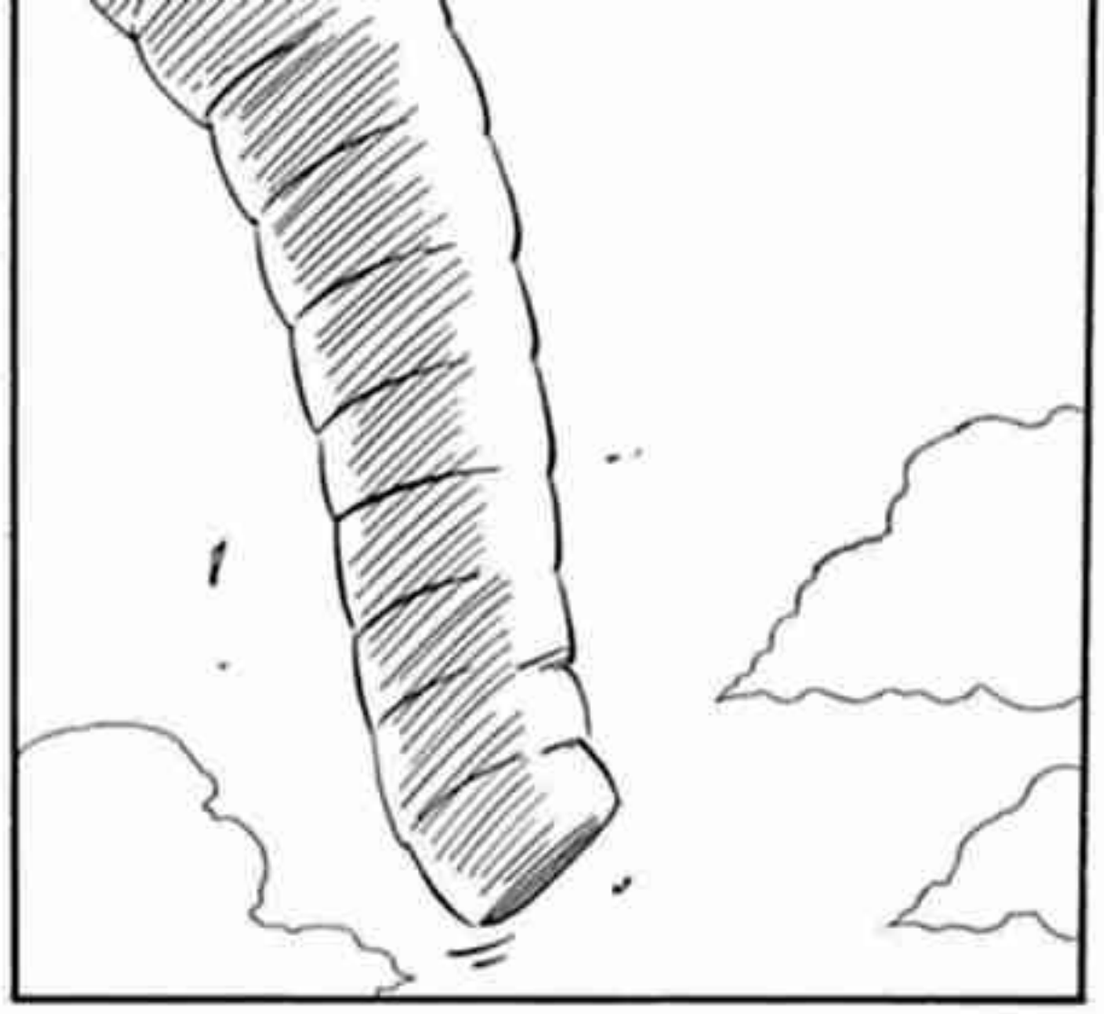
!

THIS ONE WAS DIFFERENT... IT WAS A GUIDED MISSILE.
SCREECH

WHERE'S THE OTHER ONE...?

FLAP
!

WOOSH
HMNN... FIRST THINGS FIRST, THEN.
BZZZZZZZ
RRRRK
SWISH
ITS LENGTH LIMIT IS ABOUT FIVE METERS, HUH.
COPIED THAT OFF KAKASHI, DIDN'T YOU?! BUT I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR THOSE CHANGE IN CHAKRA FORMS.



BZZZ...
HE'S A LONG-DISTANCE FIGHTER, HUH... AND HE'S CAUGHT ON TO MY THRESH-OLD...

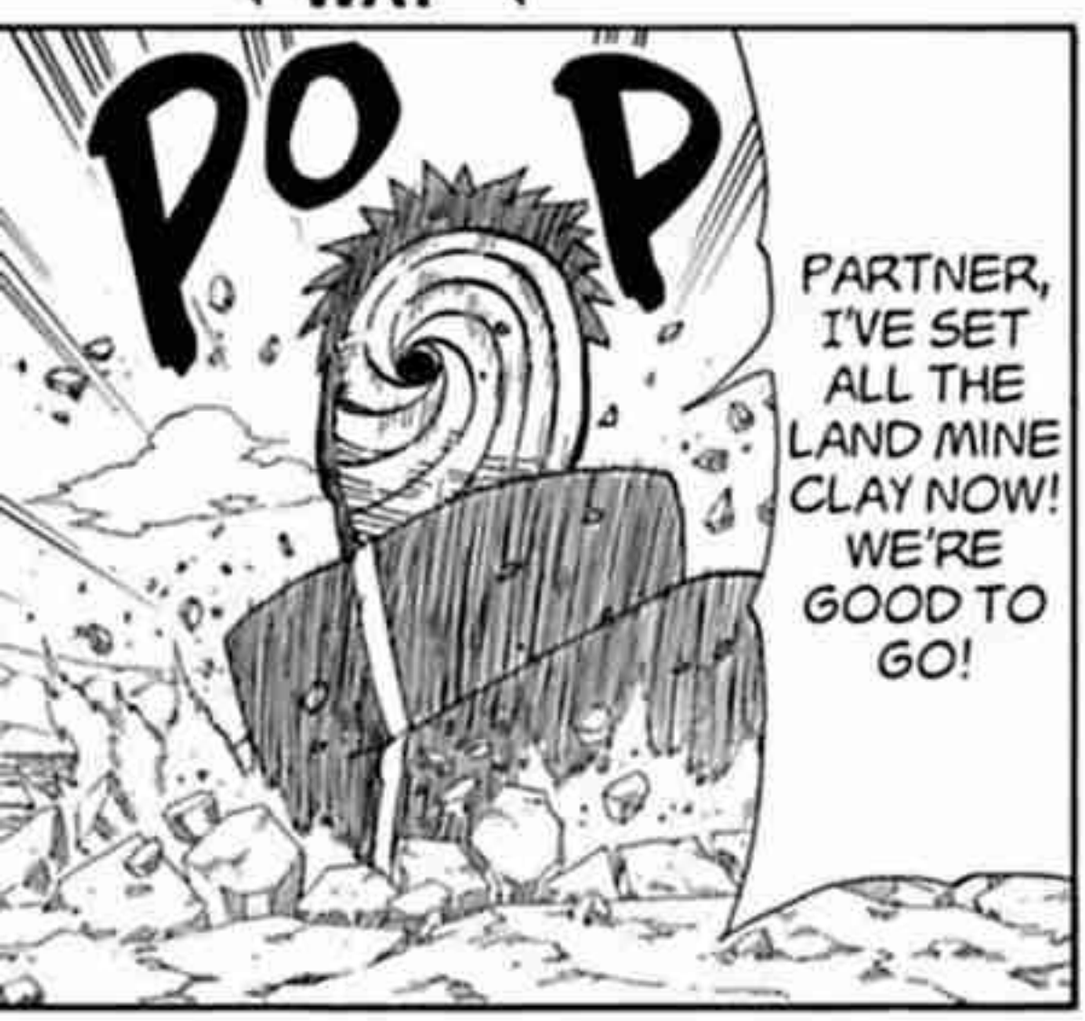
THUUP THUUP
THIS ONE'S GOT MORE BITE THAN THE LAST BUNCH!

NO MATTER HOW TOUGH YOUR DEFENSES ARE, THEY'LL BE BLOWN TO BITS, HMMM?!!
WHSS!
ZOOM
GLOMP

VERR
BOOM
!
SCREECH
BLOP
HE REALLY IS SWIFT.

GOTCHA, HMMM?!!
VRRM VRRRM

IS IT DONE...?!


POP
PARTNER, I'VE SET ALL THE LAND MINE CLAY NOW! WE'RE GOOD TO GO!

SPLISH SPLISH

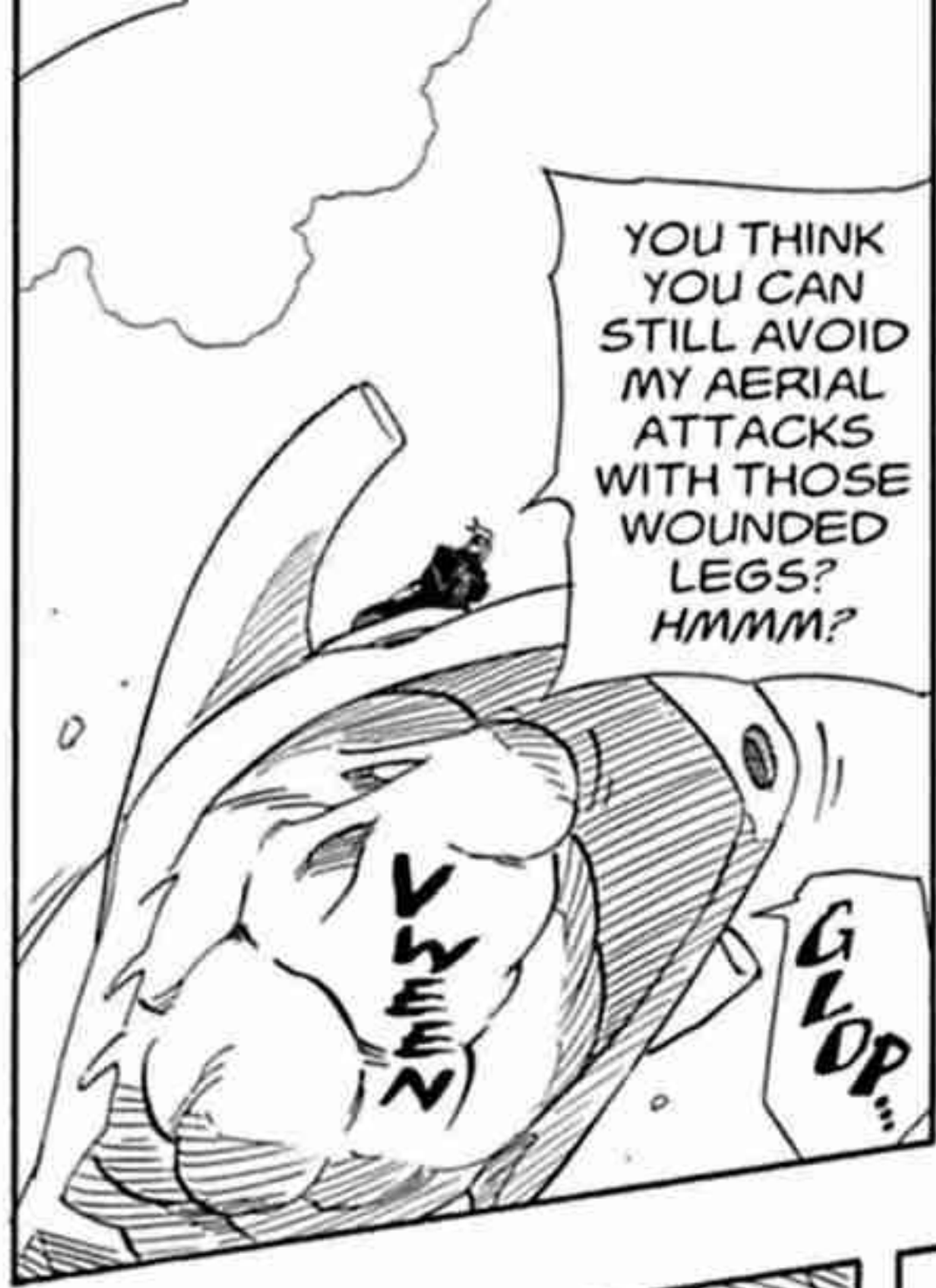
SO HE NEATLY AVOIDED THE BLAST BY FLYING UP, HUH.
OROCHI-MARU'S CURSE MARK, EH... I DIDN'T REALIZE IT COULD GROW WINGS TOO...

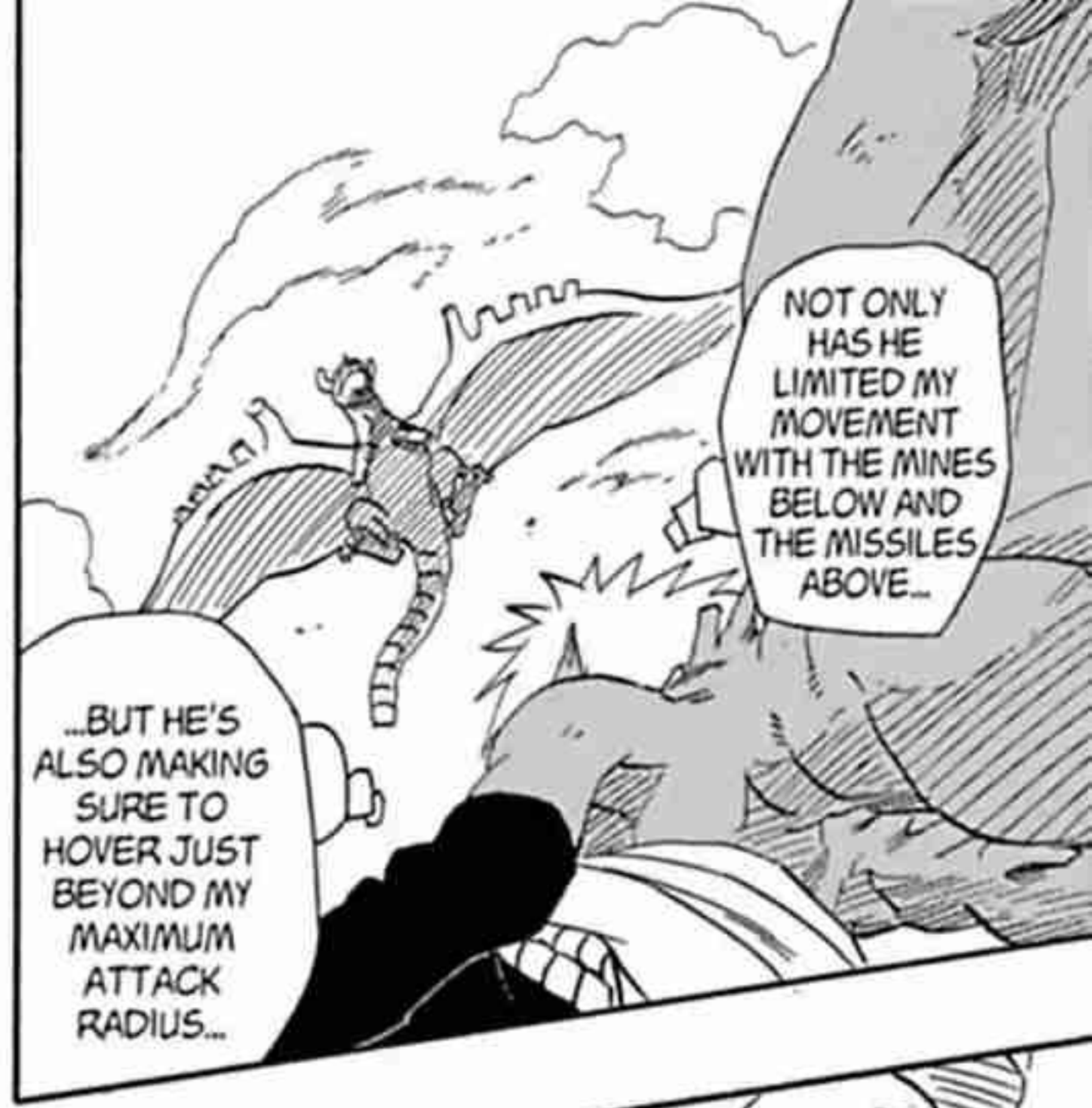
YESSIR!
GOOD WORK, TOBI. NOW GET OUT OF HERE.

...ALL SET TO AUTO-MATICALLY DETONATE UPON CONTACT.
THE GROUND AROUND YOU IS ALREADY COMPLETELY SEEDED WITH MINES...

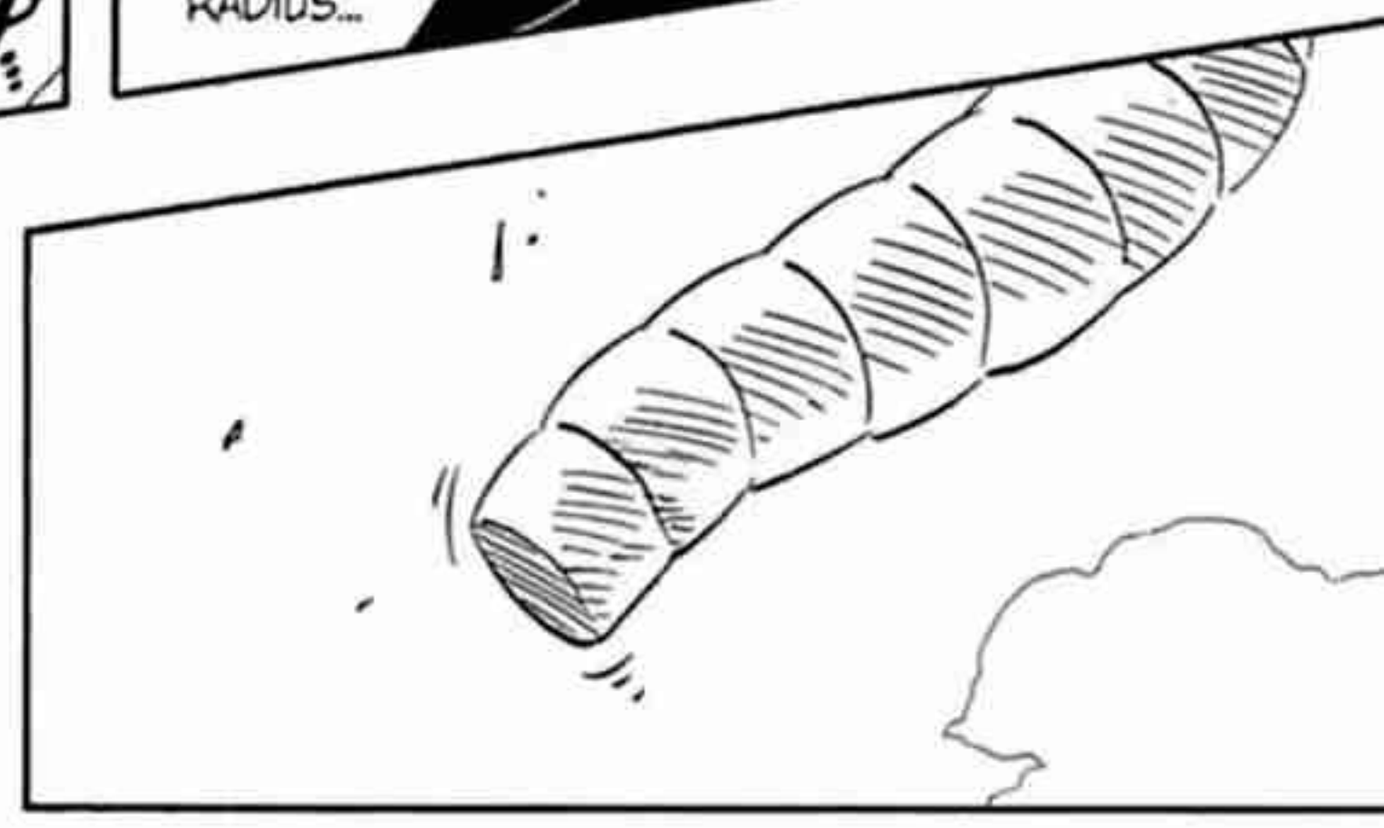
...AND THE PINPOINT MISSILE ATTACKS FROM THE AIR.
THE KEY POINT HERE IS THE C2 COORDINATED ASSAULT BETWEEN THE LAND MINES THAT PREVENT FREE MOVEMENT ON THE GROUND...

GUIDED MISSILES FROM ABOVE AND LAND MINES FROM BELOW, HUH...


YOU THINK YOU CAN STILL AVOID MY AERIAL ATTACKS WITH THOSE WOUNDED LEGS? HMMM?
VWEEN
GLOP...


NOT ONLY HAS HE LIMITED MY MOVEMENT WITH THE MINES BELOW AND THE MISSILES ABOVE...
...BUT HE'S ALSO MAKING SURE TO HOVER JUST BEYOND MY MAXIMUM ATTACK RADIUS...

ZLURP...



FFT

!

THIS NEXT ONE'S GONNA BE HUGE, HMMM ?!!
FWHOOMP

ZING THUD
BLOP
I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AIR-BORNE, FOOL!!
KA-BOOM
THONK

SHOULDN'T HAVE USED YOUR WINGS AS SHIELDS ...
FLOP
...NOW YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FLY ANYMORE... NOT WITH ONLY ONE LEFT... HEH HEH HEH.
TWANG
BULGE
!
ZLURP
DON'T WORRY, I'LL END IT RIGHT NOW... HMMM?

WHOSH

HOOSH

GRRR

POP

YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME DOWN WITH THOSE?! DON'T YOU MOCK ME!!

...SASUKE IS DOOMED!

HEH HEH... THERE'S NO-WHERE SAFE TO GO! LAND MINES OR MISSILES...

LATERAL MOVE-MENT?!

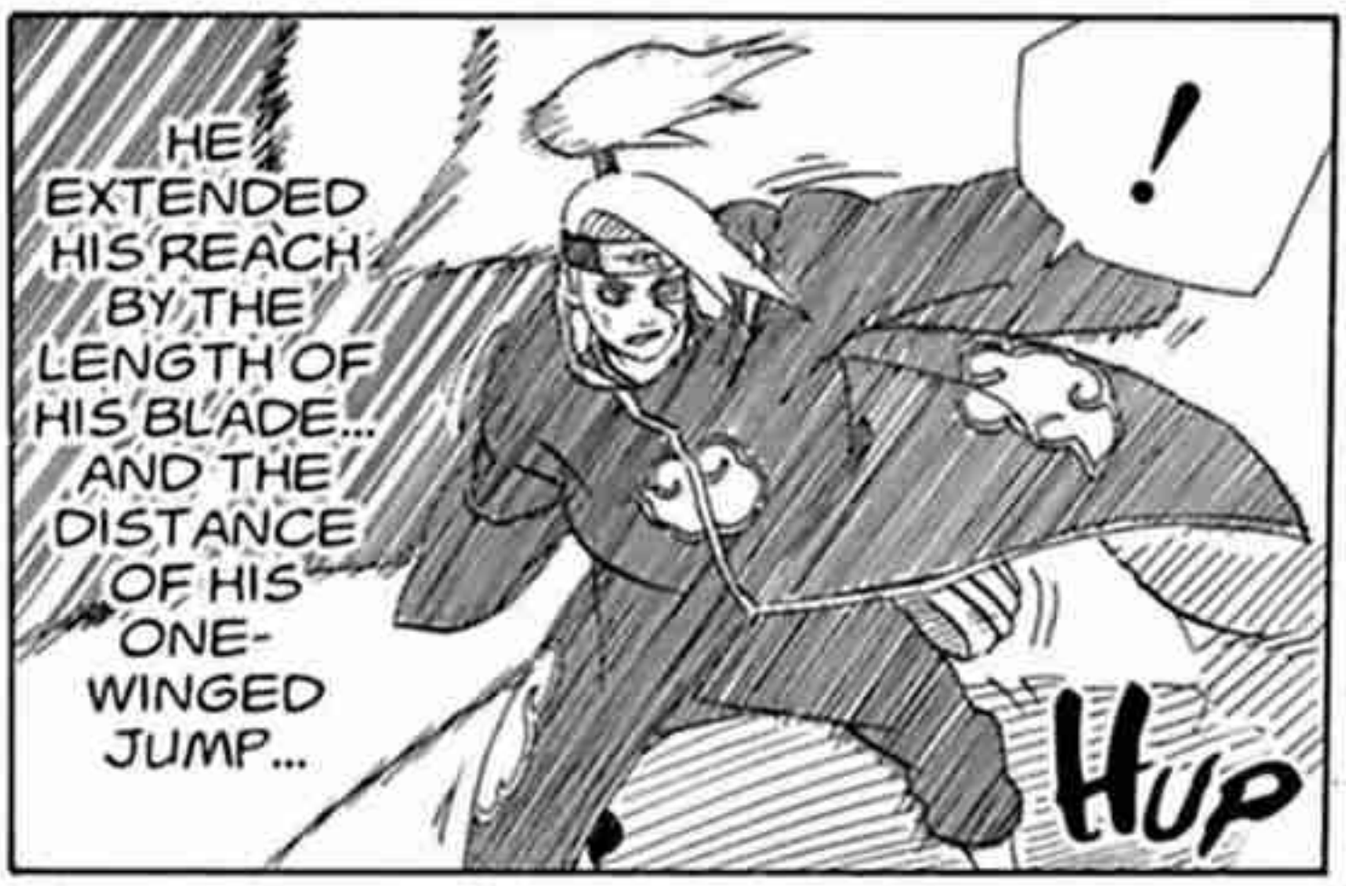
WHSSH

BZZZ

THAP

SHUNK
TO CHECK FOR LAND MINES AND TO CREATE A FOOT-HOLD FOR HIMSELF?!
HE... DELIBERATELY THRUST HIS BLADE INTO THE GROUND?!
!
WHAT ?!
I-IT REACHED ?!

GHK
AK


HE EXTENDED HIS REACH BY THE LENGTH OF HIS BLADE... AND THE DISTANCE OF HIS ONE-WINGED JUMP...
!
HUP

YOUR BAL-ANCE!!

THAT'S IT! HE LURED ME HERE WITH HIS SHURIKEN ATTACK... TO GET ME INTO RANGE OF HIS CHAKRA BLADE...!
I'M RIGHT ABOVE HIS BLADE NOW?!

!
MY POSI-TION!

?!!
AAARGGH!!
THUD

THAT BLASTED BRAT!
FWIP
GAH! CAN'T MOVE!!
THE SAME SHURIKEN AS EARLIER ...?!!

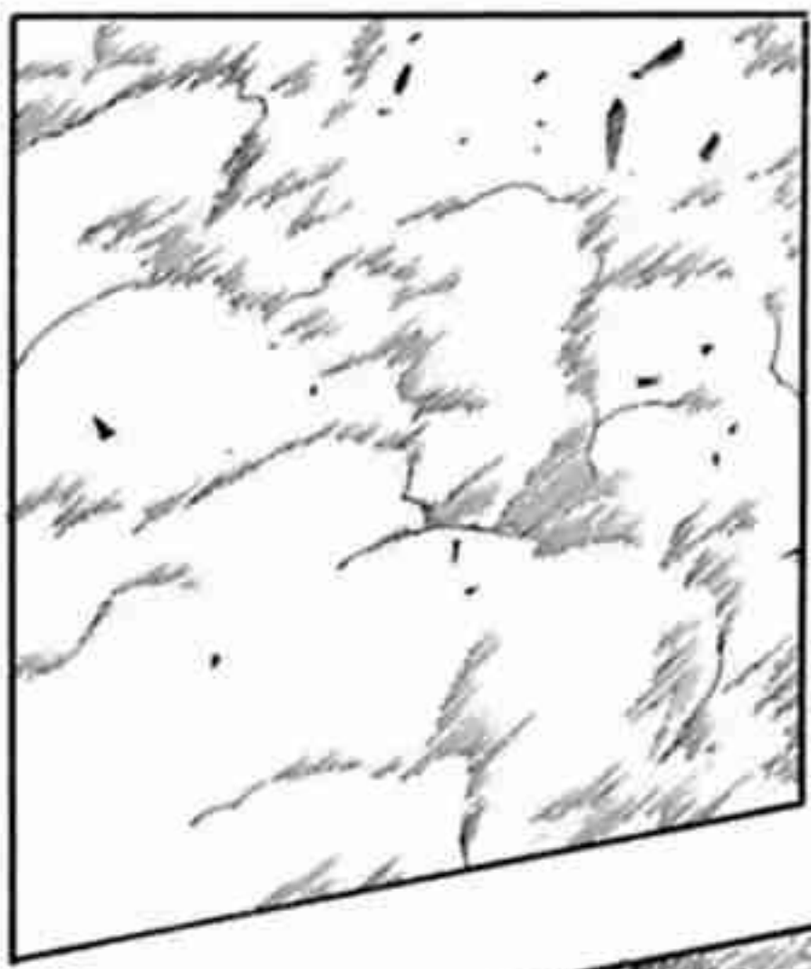
SHOOT! THE LAND MINES...!!
VWOOOOSH

B-B-B-BOOM

NARUTO

Number 359: Those Eyes...!!

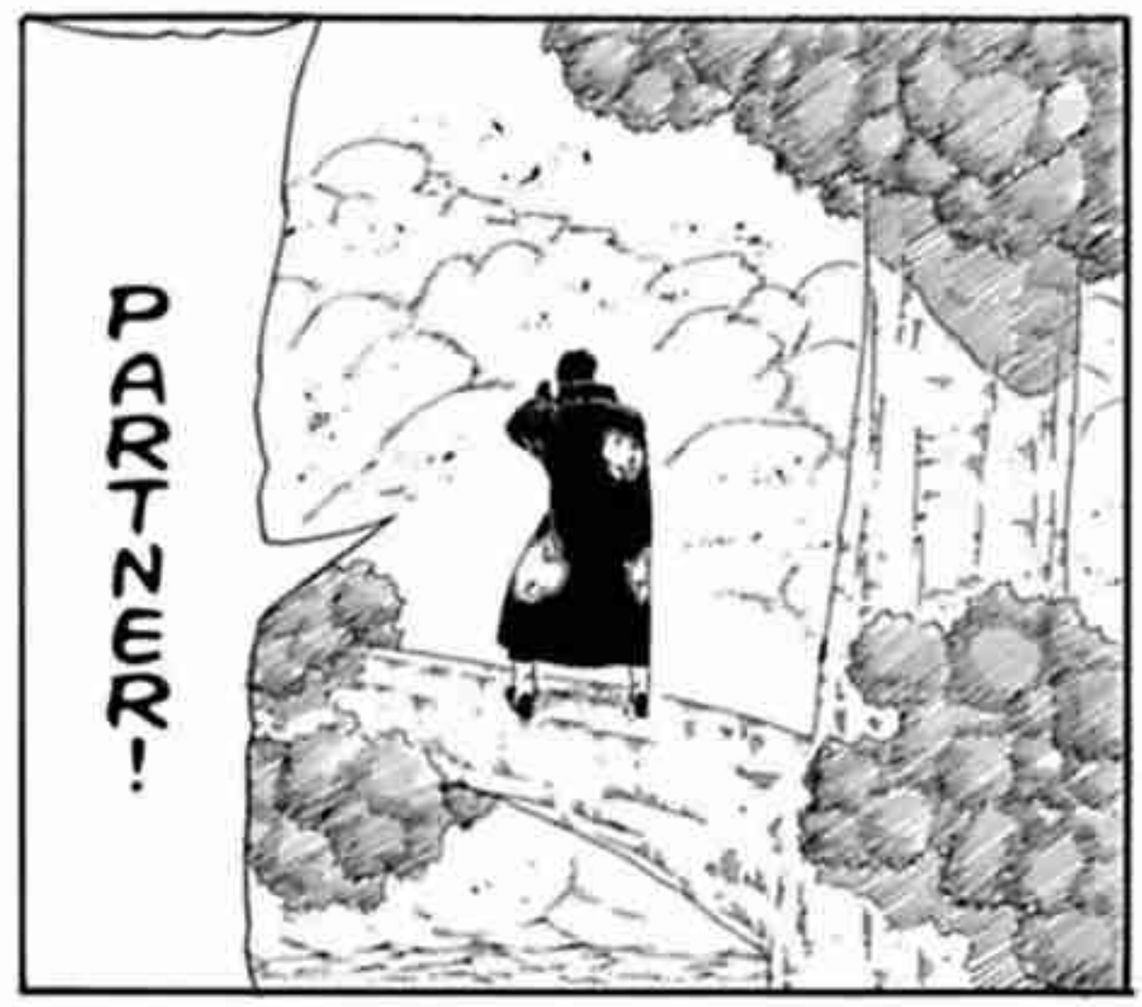
BA-BA-BA-BOOM



THWAP

TAK

BLOP
THAP


PARTNER!

!
VWWW!!!

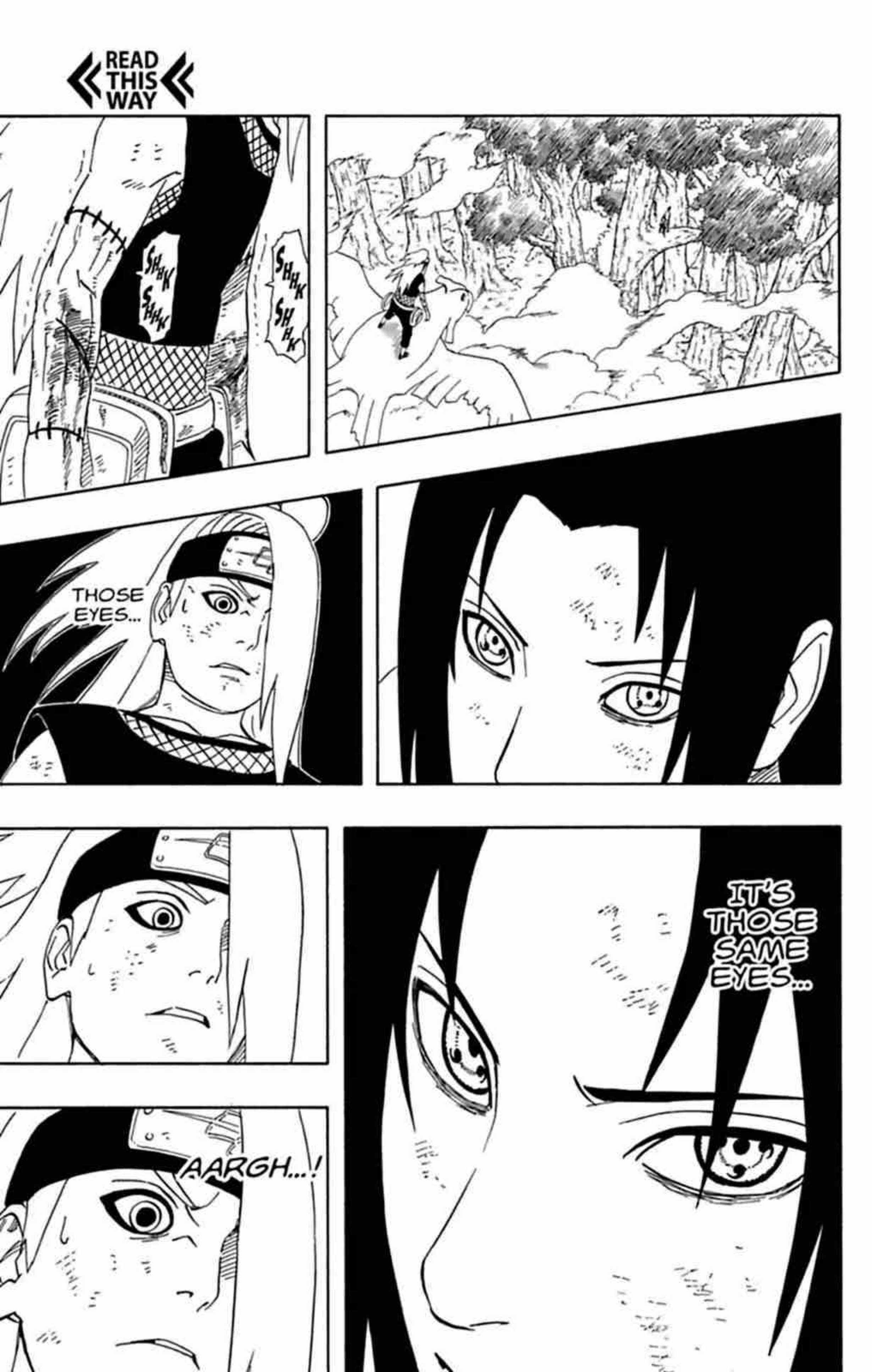
WHOOSH

VWWW...

DEIDARA, YOU FOOL!!
YOU DID DIE A DEATH BY BOMBING AFTER ALL!

FLAP

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO SHUT UP, TOBI?! HMMM?!


READ THIS WAY
SHHK SHHK
SHHK SHHK
THOSE EYES...
IT'S THOSE SAME EYES...
AARGH...!

AKA-TSUKI?

SURE, HE'S FULL OF ENERGY, BUT HE SEEMS LIKE THE EARLY DEATH TYPE.

I HAVE TO TAKE THIS BRAT ON AS MY PART-NER...?

NOW GET LOST! YOU'RE KEEPING ME FROM MY ART APPRECI-ATION TIME!

DON'T KNOW AND DON'T CARE!

...YOU'RE A ROGUE NINJA... BUT WHAT IS YOUR PUR-POSE...?

WE KNOW YOU'RE AIDING THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT FACTIONS OF NEIGHBORING NATIONS WITH TERRORIST BOMBINGS...

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY TALENT?

WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY ...?!

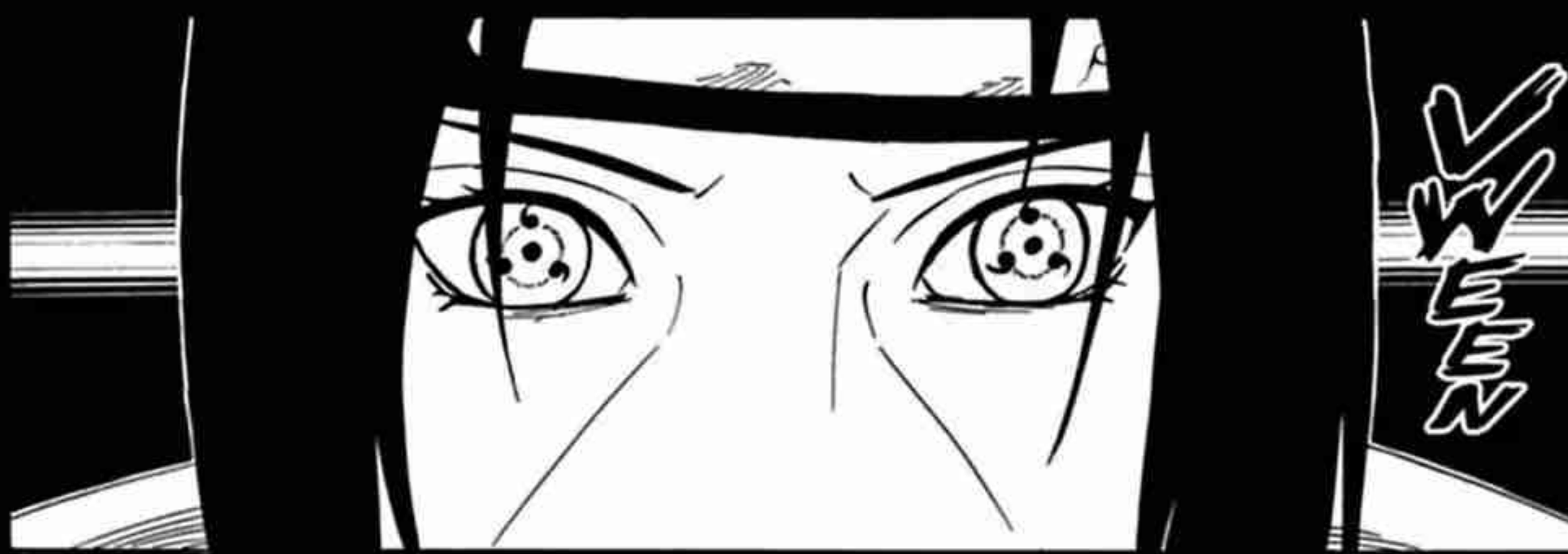
HIS TALENT WILL BE VERY USEFUL...

IT'S OUR LEADER'S ORDERS...

READ THIS WAY
YOUR ART?
I'M JUST TAKING COMMISSIONS TO CAUSE EXPLOSIONS.
USING MY ART, HMMM?!
PURPOSE?
DON'T NEED ONE.
BUT MY ART GOES FAR BEYOND THIS AS WELL!
MY PIECES ARE VERSATILE! WHILE THEY HOLD SHAPE, THEY ARE MERELY OBJECTS, HMMM?!
AHEM
HMMM?! THIS IS ART!
WELL? SUCH CLEAN, REFINED LINES AND A FORM THAT PURSUES TWO-DIMENSIONAL DEFORMÉ!
LIKE THIS!
FFT
AND WHEN IT DOES, IT MAKES ITS EXISTENCE MORE SUBLIME AND FINALLY COMES FULLY INTO ITS OWN!
BUT THIS THING CAN ALSO EXPLODE!
THOOM

TRUE ART IS AN EXPLO-SION!!

I FEEL THAT TRUE ART LIVES ONLY IN THAT BRIEF FLASH OF SUBLIMA-TION! HMMM?!



SHF
MY NINJUTSU IS NOTHING BUT NOBLE, REFINED ART! HMMM?!!
DON'T YOU MOCK ME...OR MY ART!
CHOK

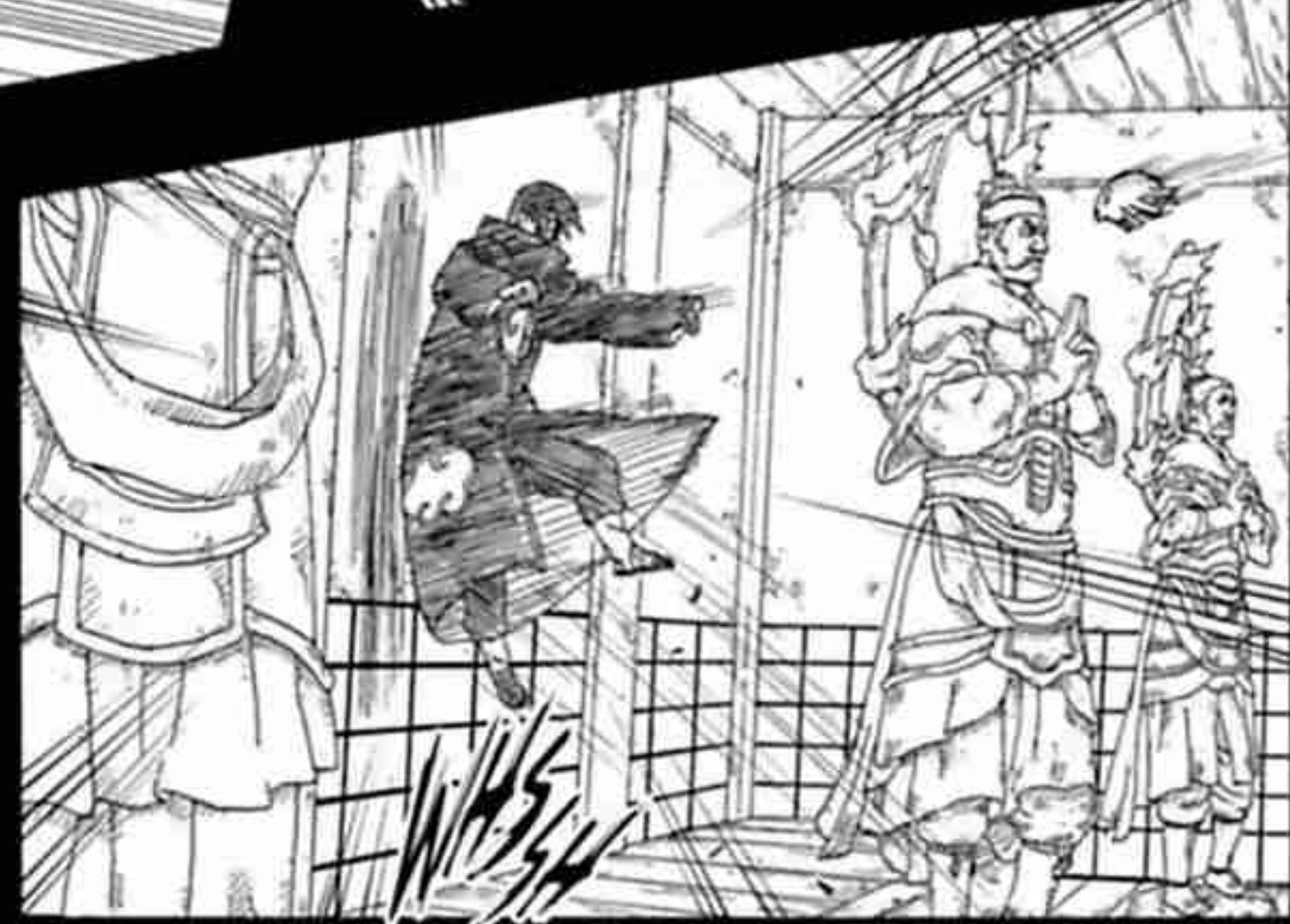
YOU WANNA FIGHT?
WHAT'S UP WITH HIS EYES...?

IF I WIN, YOU'LL COME WITH US.

HOP

FFT

HEAA GH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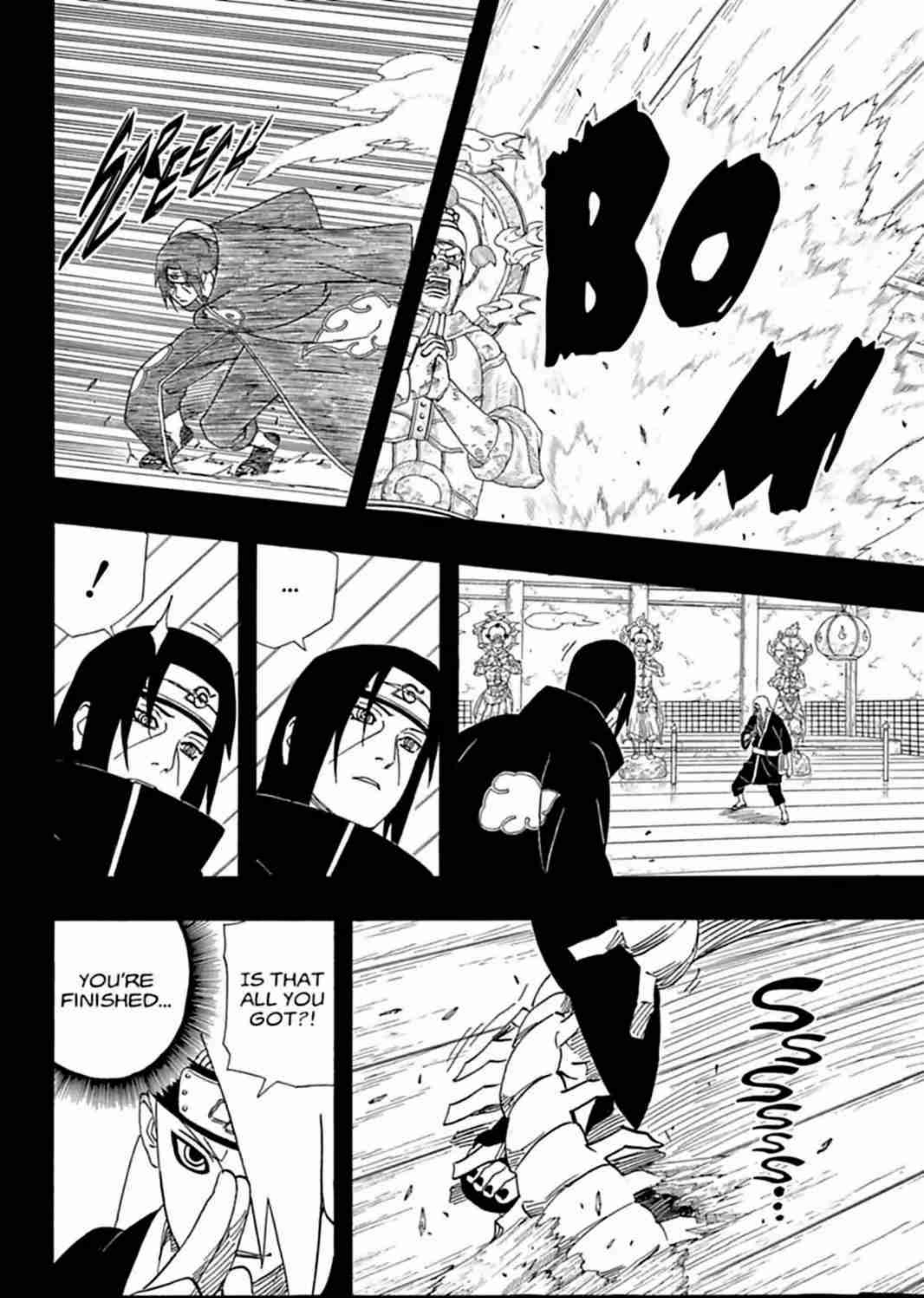

SPEEDY
BO
!
...
YOU'RE FINISHED...
IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?!
SSSSS...

READ
THIS
WAY

OH!
?!

BETTER LOOK CLOSELY AT YOUR-SELF.

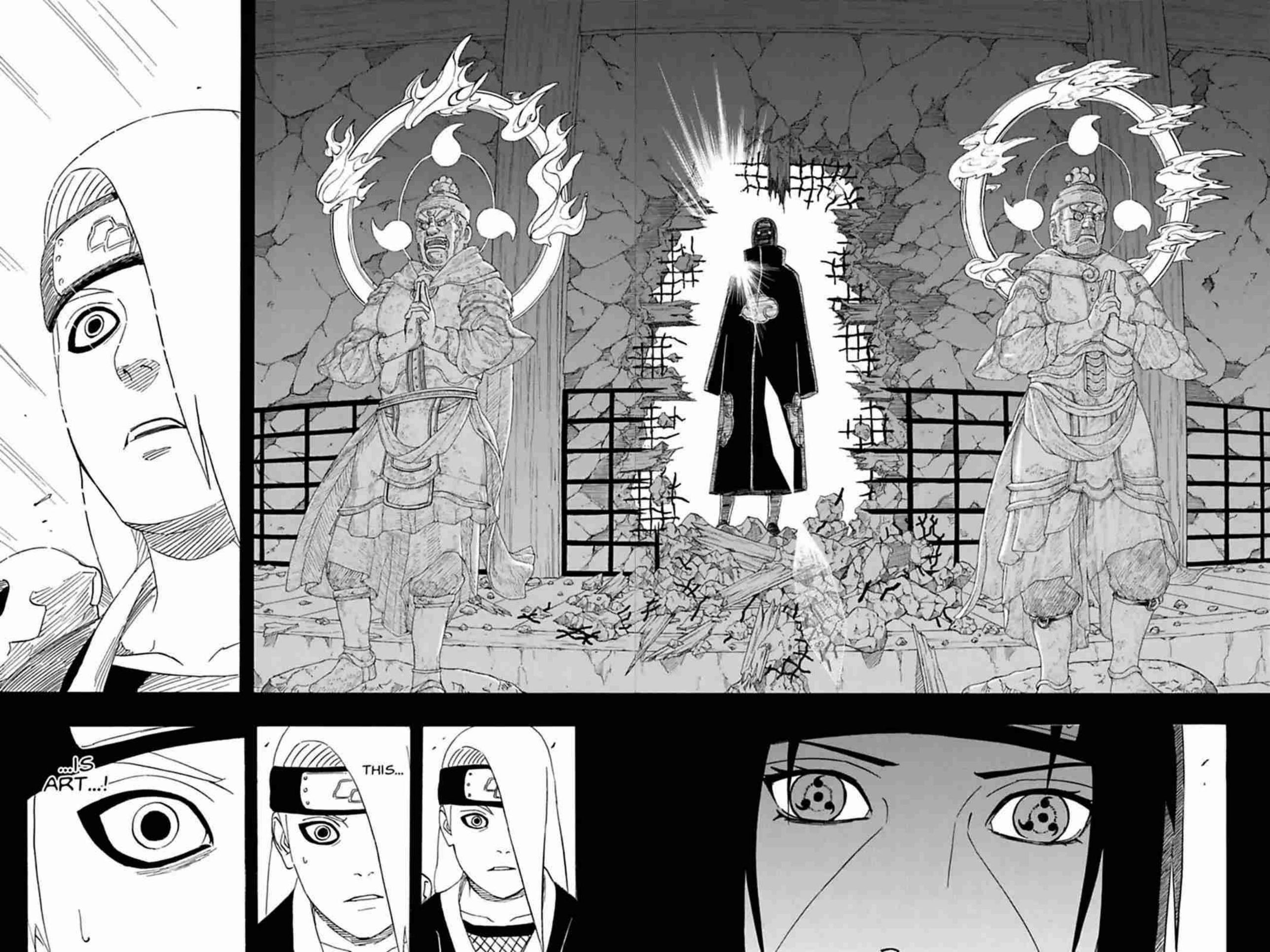
WHEN...
GEN-JUTSU ...?!

THAT WAS CLOSE... YOU WERE ABOUT TO BLOW YOUR-SELF UP.
I TOLD YOU HE WOULD DIE AN EARLY DEATH...

...!
SQUINT...

FLASH
UNH!

FROM THE GET-GO...
THE MOMENT YOU LOOKED INTO ITACHI'S SHARINGAN, YOU WERE TRAPPED.


...IS ART...!
THIS...

THUD...

GAH!

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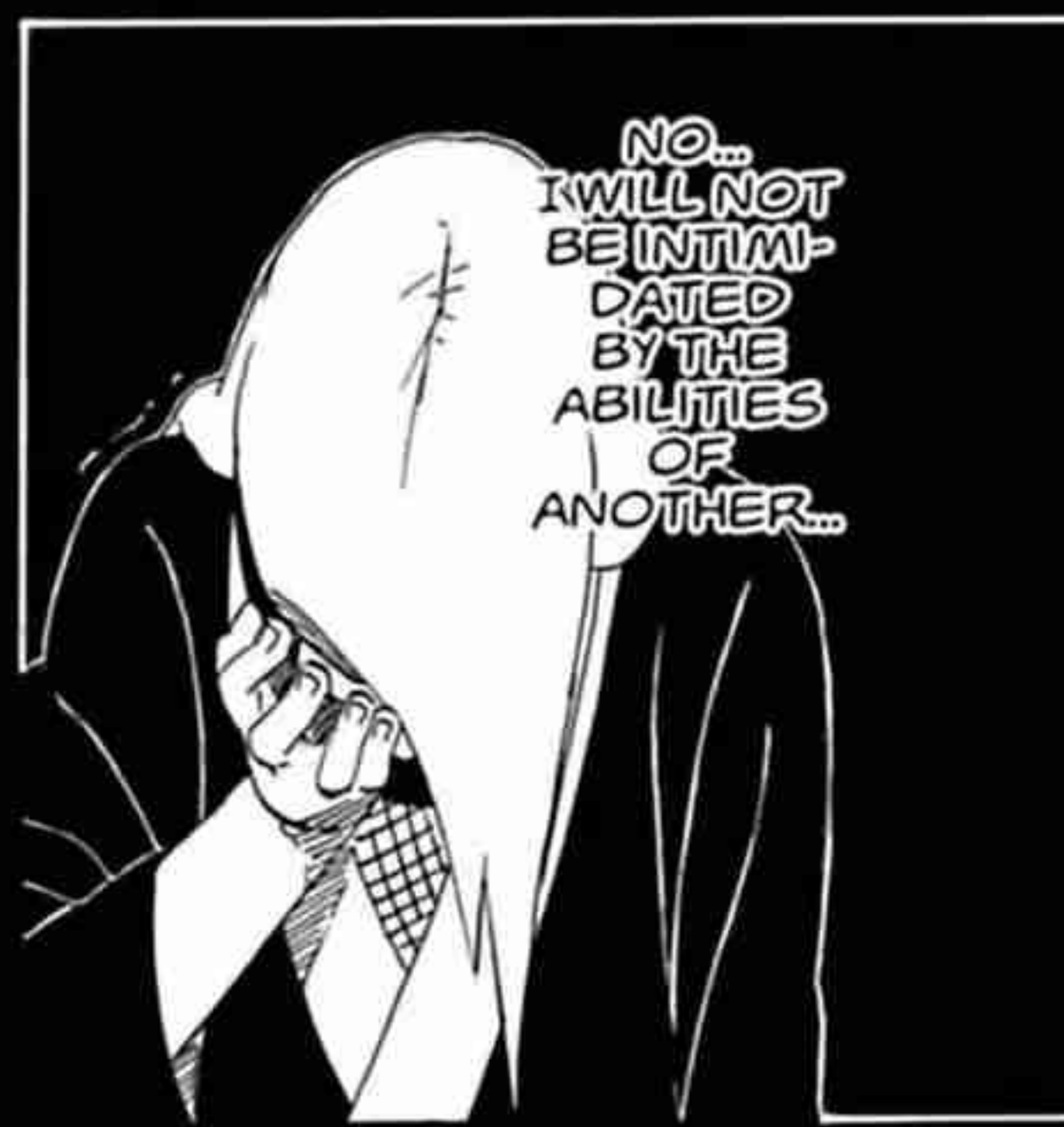
I WILL NOT ACKNOWL-EDGE IT...
...NEVER!!
THAT OCULAR JUTSU... IT WAS NOT ART...


NO... I WILL NOT BE INTIMI-DATED BY THE ABILITIES OF ANOTHER...

YOU LOSE.

READ THIS WAY
NOT TO SUCH A... SUCH A...
I KNOW I'M BETTER THAN YOU...
...I WILL NOT LOSE TO YOU!
YOUR TALENT IS ABSO-LUTE. YOUR ART, CAN'T BE BEAT!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER... YOU ARE BETTER THAN HE IS.
HUNH ?

OH!

HE'S EATING THE DETONATION CLAY! THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...

CHOMP

CHOMP

I'M GONNA KILL YOU WITH THIS... MY MASTERPIECE!

!

ULP...

WHOA! YIKES!!

TOBI!

RUN!!

SHIFT

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